

# VEA members get results. (i.e. We rock.)

**WE GAINED** long-sought, and long-needed, planning time for teachers in elementary schools.

**WE SAVED** jobs and avoided painful budget cuts during tough economic times, and made sure federal stimulus funds were directed to schools and educators, as VEA members lobbied hard in Richmond.

**WE WON** a major increase in the dollars you'll receive to cover health care costs when you retire. For some retired teachers, the stipend amounts to a 50 percent increase. And VEA members, working with state lawmakers, made it happen.

**WE NETWORKED**, at Association-sponsored seminars and leadership opportunities around the state, such as Sparks and The Savvy Professional. And VEA supported national board certification candidates through the difficult process with Jump Start training. Through VEA, you'll make professional connections that will last your entire career.

**WE GOT CREATIVE**, earning thousands of dollars in grants from VEA and NEA to support innovative ideas to help all students succeed.■

