Reach Out and Write!
NWP Summer Advocacy Effort

Please take a moment this summer to email your legislators. Let them know you appreciate their support for the Writing Project.

- Tell them something you did in your classroom this year or plan to do next year.
- Give them a glimpse of your summer institute or another Writing Project opportunity that is making a difference to your teaching.

Be brief. One or two short paragraphs from an educator like you will assure members of Congress that their commitment to the NWP has a specific and lasting impact. Let your voice be heard and your work be recognized!

Below are a few ideas for how you can participate:

- **WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATORS DURING THE SUMMER INSTITUTE** – a chance to write from your heart and from the program that is the heart of the writing project.

- **WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATORS BEFORE YOU GO BACK TO SCHOOL** – a chance to share your excitement about returning to school with new plans, new ideas, new enthusiasm. Forward your summer writing, such as Op-Ed pieces, your summer institute press release, and other reflections on the importance of writing and the impact the Writing Project has on teachers and students in your area.

- **ASK FOR A THIRD-PARTY LETTER OF SUPPORT** – encourage your superintendents, principals, university presidents, and other interested individuals to write letters in support of NWP to their senators and representatives in Congress. Refer administrators and others to the NWP Works! website for information about NWP's status in the Administration's budget and to learn how they can help. Click here for a sample letter.

- **INCREASE VISIBILITY FOR NWP** – consider a link to NWP Works! in blogs, announcements, or other communications for the general public.

Share your letters to Congress and any responses you receive by sending them to us at publicaffairs@nwp.org. This not only helps us keep up with the extraordinary work you do, but also helps shape our national advocacy effort.