

AHEM Friday Blast

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Safe Schools Committee Update

Last year AHEM formed the Safe Schools Committee as a way to bring awareness to the issue of staff safety related to student behavior. This committee has met several times with the district and our most recent meeting was on Wednesday. As a result in our work and collaboration with the district you should expect to see a presentation regarding appropriate physical intervention with students at your February staff meeting. Please let us know if your site has not shared this information by the end of March.

If you have concerns as a result from that presentation that you feel your union should know about, or if you have an item to be discussed, please contact Val Holthus at valerie.holthus@edmn.org.

2020 Scholarship Awards through United Educators Foundation

\$2,000 for Educators

\$1,500 for Education Major

\$1,000 for Students

Deadline: Friday, February 7, 2020

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Thinking of Retiring?

Deadline to notify the district is February 1st.



Copies of our new Working Agreement have arrived!

AHEM will be delivering your contracts and donuts to celebrate the new contract for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.

WIN TICKETS

To the Northern Stars Celebration

Would you like to win tickets for you and a guest to the Northern Stars Celebration?

On February 8th the Anoka - Hennepin Educational Foundation hosts the Northern Stars Celebration at the Bunker Hills Event Center in Coon Rapids. Enjoy Dinner, Live and Silent Auction, games, raffles and entertainment by Kat Perkins, a finalist on season 6 of *The Voice*. This event raises money for our wonderful students.

For More information: <https://www.ahef.us/news-events/event-calendar.html/event/2020/02/08/northern-stars-celebration/270438>

AHEM is excited to announce a drawing for tickets to the event.

To enter the drawing follow these two steps:

1. Like “Anoka Hennepin Education Minnesota” on Facebook
2. Share on your feed with or without a comment.

On January 31, 2020 we will pick the winners!



2020-21 Education Minnesota Unity Summit

Radisson Blu, Mall of America

2020-21 Political Conference

Two options: January 31, - February 1, 2020

4:30 PM-1:00 PM

February 1 – 2, 2020

8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

As we look to 2020, voting is a high priority, and through our union, we have the collective power to win a fully funded public education system in 2021.

The power of the educator vote only translates into real changes for students and for our democracy with a visionary movement in our workplaces and within our communities.

Our plan for public education for 2020-21:

- Get out 100 percent of the educator vote on Nov. 3, 2020.
- Collectively organize at least 33,000 parents and community voters in the election and beyond.
- Unite in a statewide movement for full funding of public education in the spring of 2021.

The unity summit is a place for educators to learn about the tools they'll need to build unity around electing pro-public education candidates in the 2020 election and fight for fully funding schools in the 2021 legislative session.

The summit will also feature a public meeting with key elected officials.

Apply for a scholarship under AHEM, Local 7007 for your stay to be paid for. After your scholarship is approved, you will receive an email and there will be a link to register. [Here is the link to apply:](#)

<https://cvent.me/XBoAk>

Become a Building Member Engagement Coordinator

Job Description:

The member engagement building coordinator will work with the building rep to recruit and retain members by using a variety of activities to engage members in unionism, develop new leaders, develop a building communication plan, and create an effective structure within building membership in order to organize and mobilize members around an issue. This will be one of the most essential positions with the organization.

Educators are powerful when we have a collective voice.

Working in a union gives us the power to make meaningful improvements for students, our profession, public education and our communities – we need you!



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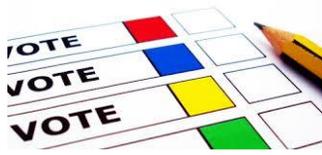
Member Engagement Training

February 21

Planning session for AHEM members to develop plans and strategies for member engagement within their individual buildings

Coordinators are encouraged to attend the Unity Summit (see above).

This is a \$350 - \$600 stipend position depending on size of site.



Filing is now open for AHEM President, Constitution & Bylaw Amendments, and State & National Delegates. Filing closes on Feb. 28th. If there are more than 35 who would like to attend the EdMN Rep Convention in Bloomington, MN, and more than 15 who would like to go to the NEA convention in Atlanta, GA, an election will occur. If there are fewer than that, the registration window will be extended to 3/27/20 for the RC, and 5/15/20 for the NEA Convention.

The Education Minnesota Convention will be on April 24 – 25.

The National Education Assoc. Convention will be in Atlanta from July 2 - 6

Contact the Union Office (763)421-9110 for more information.

Professional Development Classes Offered at AHEM

All classes are held at the AHEM Office, 3500 Main St., Coon Rapids, Suite 360.

Participants must be members of Education Minnesota or retired AHEM members to attend. Classes will satisfy the requirements for re-licensure in the area they cover as determined by ISD 11's CEU Committee.

All classes begin at 4:30 and last 2 hours unless noted.

To maximize equity to members across the district, these classes will open at 7:00, January 24.

March/April 2020 Classes

[March 5 - Thursday - Mental Health Class - 4:30-6:30](#)

[March 24 - Tuesday - Suicide Prevention Class - 4:30-5:30](#) (This is the last time this class will be offered this year through AHEM.)

[March 26 - Thursday - Cultural Competency Class - 4:30-6:30](#)

[April 2 - Thursday - Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies Class - 4:30-6:30](#) (This is the last time this class will be offered this year through AHEM.)

[April 7 - Tuesday - English Learners Class - 4:30-6:30](#) (This is the last time this class will be offered this year through AHEM.)

[April 14 - Tuesday - Mental Health Class - 4:30-6:30](#)(This is the last time this class will be offered this year through AHEM.)

[April 21 - Tuesday - Cultural Competency Class - 4:30-6:30](#) (This is the last time this class will be offered this year through AHEM.)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ AHEM Rep Assembly – Mon., Jan. 27, 4:45 pm, AHEM
- ❖ School Board Mtg. – Mon., Jan. 27, 6:30 pm, SEC
- ❖ AHEM PD Class: Suicide Prevention – Tues., Jan. 28, 4:30 pm, AHEM
- ❖ AHEM Filings Close – Tues., Jan. 28
- ❖ AHEM PD Class: Reading – Thurs., Jan. 30, 4:30 pm, AHEM
- ❖ Education Minnesota Political Conference, Unity Summit – Fri.-Sat., Jan. 31-Feb. 1
- ❖ Groundhog's Day – Sun., Feb. 2 ☺
- ❖ Executive Board Meeting – Mon., Feb. 10, 4:45
- ❖ School Board Meeting – Mon., Feb. 10, ESC, 5:30
- ❖ SEED Class – Thurs., Feb. 13 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ Valentine's Day – Fri., Feb. 14 
- ❖ President's Day – Mon., Feb. 17 – No Students
- ❖ Elem. PLC/Conf. - Sec. Staff Development – Tues., Feb. 18 - no k-12 Students
- ❖ Precinct Caucuses – Tues., Feb. 25
- ❖ AHEM Elections – Electronic Voting – Wed.-Thurs., Feb. 26 - 27
- ❖ Presidential Primary – Tues., March 3, PLC/Staff Development, no Students
- ❖ Meet and Confer – Wed., March 4, SDC, 5:30 p.m.

Strive for progress, not perfection.

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