

# AHEM Friday Blast

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*Even though you are not into politics,  
politics is into you.*

- **Collective Bargaining Rights** – State Legislature, Governor
- **Your Salary** – School Board, Union, Legislature, Governor
- **School Budget** – School Board, Legislature, Governor, Congress, President
- **Your Class Size/Workload** – School Board, Union, Legislature, Governor, Congress, President
- **Your Health Care** – School Board, Union, Legislature, Governor, Congress, President
- **Your Pension** – Legislature, Governor
- **Student Mental Health** – Legislature, Governor, Congress, President

With your union, we have the strength in numbers to change things when we VOTE and hold elected officials accountable for enacting a visionary public education agenda.

Consider attending a lobby day at the state capitol with your peers to talk with our lawmakers about our classrooms and our students' needs. The union will pay for your sub, and your day at the capitol will not come out of your sick days. **Lobby Days are scheduled on March 5, March 26, and April 16.** Please contact Val Holthus at [valerie.holthus@edmn.org](mailto:valerie.holthus@edmn.org) to sign up.

There will also be coffee meetings with legislators at a coffee shop in each of their legislative districts. You will receive an email invitation to a coffee meeting in the legislative district if you reside in a district that is in A/H school attendance area. Keep an eye out for your invitation!



“Anoka Hennepin  
Education Minnesota”



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EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS**

## 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! Please email [valerie.holthus@edmn.org](mailto:valerie.holthus@edmn.org) if interested.



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## AHEM High School Senior Scholarship Program

Each Year Anoka Hennepin Education Minnesota offers scholarships to each high school in the district and also to dependent children of AHEM members in whatever district the member's dependent child attends. The scholarship committee needs a few volunteers to help organize and judge the entries. Please email [Janie.Hemmelgarn@edmn.org](mailto:Janie.Hemmelgarn@edmn.org) to volunteer for the scholarship committee.

## 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.)

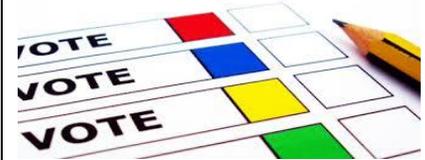
[March 26 - Thursday - Cultural Competency Class - 4:30-6:30](#)

[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.)



Filing has closed for AHEM President, Constitution & Bylaw Amendments, and State & National Delegates. No candidates filed to run for president, the current President will remain in office for a term of three years. The number of seats available for the conventions were greater than the number of delegate seats available. If you would like to attend the EdMN Rep Convention or the NEA Convention, 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 in Bloomington, MN on April 24 – 25. The Ntl. Ed. Assoc. Convention will be in Atlanta from July 2 – 6.

Contact the Union Office (763)421-9110 for more information, or email [jennifer.adriaens@edmn.org](mailto:jennifer.adriaens@edmn.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 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 p.m.
- ❖ School Board Work Session – Mon., Feb. 10, ESC, 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ 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.

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