

# AHEM Friday Blast

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## Free \$25.00

Demonstrate solidarity when we're together for different events, such as Meet and Confer, Rally at the Capitol and Red for ED Wednesdays. When we show up as an **ocean of red**, people pay attention. We are powerful together.

The first 1200 members to order their choice of union spirit wear, will get \$25.00 off of their order. All ordering will be done online. Look for an email from your building rep soon for online shopping instructions.



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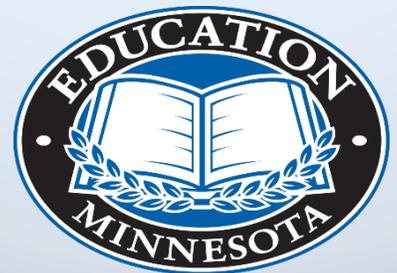


We are giving away a VIP pass for you and a guest to the **Lumineers** at Xcel Energy Center on March 13 @7:30 p.m. [Join our Facebook page for details.....](#)

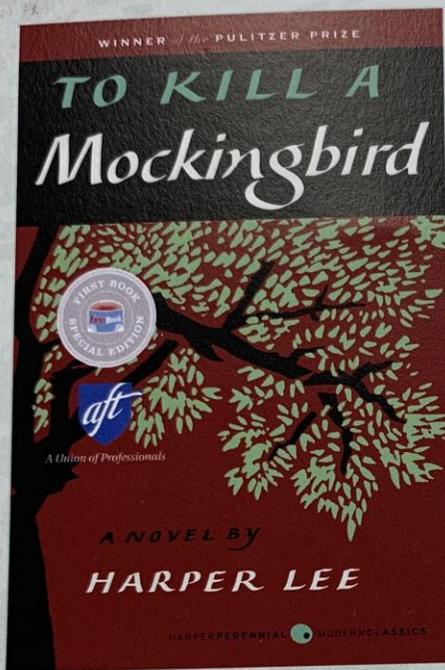
*Happy Valentine's Day!*



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## AFT and First Book unveil brand-new edition of *To Kill a Mockingbird*

To help teach the importance of civic engagement and bring to life issues such as racial injustice and civil rights, the AFT and First Book have partnered to create an AFT limited edition of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The special edition of this classic novel will be distributed to AFT members working in Title I schools and other programs serving children in need, to help educators **spark discussion and engage students with important topics.**

**Are you an AFT member working in a Title I school or a program where at least 70 percent of the children come from low-income families?**

Visit [www.firstbook.org/AFTMockingbird](http://www.firstbook.org/AFTMockingbird) for a chance to receive up to 30 free copies\* of this special edition!

\*This is a first-come, first-served opportunity while inventory lasts.

**Mark Your Calendar for Meet and Confer  
March 4, 2020      Staff Development Center  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Topics Include:

- Follow-up from past Meet and Confer
- Substitute Shortages
- School Safety
- Workload

Support your colleagues, voice your concerns during open mic.

# 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. There will be a training on Friday, Feb. 21, at 12:30 p.m. The union will pay the sub for your association leave.

The stipend for this position ranges from \$350 - \$600 depending on the number of members at your site.



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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.

### **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.)

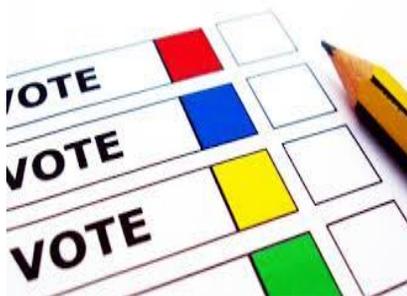
[March 26 - Thursday - Cultural Competency Class - 4:30-6:30](#)

[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.)



On-line voting for QComp will occur on February 26 and 27.

Contact the Union Office (763)421-9110 for more information, or email

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ Valentine's Day – Fri., Feb. 14
- ❖ Presidents' Day Holiday, no school – Mon., Feb. 17
- ❖ Coffee & Politics Mtg. – Districts 31 & 31B – Mon., Feb. 17, 9 am, Bridge Street Coffee
- ❖ Elem. PLC/Conf. Sec. Staff Development, no K-12 students – Tues., Feb. 18
- ❖ AHEM PD Class: English Learners – Thurs., Feb. 20, 4:30 pm, AHEM
- ❖ Coffee & Politics Mtg. – District 41A – Sat., Feb. 22, 9 am, Caribou (Fridley)
- ❖ Coffee & Politics Mtg. – Districts 36, 36A & B – Sat., Feb. 22, 11 am, Caribou (Brooklyn Park)
- ❖ AHEM Representative Assembly – Mon., Feb. 24, 4:45 pm, AHEM
- ❖ School Board Mtg. – Mon., Feb. 24, 6:30 pm, SEC
- ❖ AHEM PD Class: Cultural Competency – Tues., Feb. 25, 4:30 pm, AHEM
- ❖ Precinct Caucus Day – Tues., Feb. 25
- ❖ AHEM Election – Q-Comp Renewal – Wed. & Thurs., Feb. 26 & 27 (Electronic Ballot)
- ❖ AHEM PD Class: Suicide Prevention – Thurs., Feb. 27, 4:30 pm, AHEM
- ❖ Coffee & Politics Meeting – Dist. 37 (Coon Rapids/Blaine) Sen. Newton, Rep. Koegel, Rep. West
- ❖ Read Across America Day – March 2
- ❖ Presidential Primary – Tues., March 3, PLC/Staff Development, no Students
- ❖ Meet and Confer – Wed., March 4, SDC, 5:30 p.m.



If you're going  
through hell,  
keep going.

-Winston Churchill

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