

AHEM Friday Blast

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Free \$25.00

The store is now open, and will close on
Wednesday, March 4.

The first 1200 members to order their choice of union spirit wear, will get \$25.00 off of their order. \$25 will buy a polo, Tshirt or hoodie. All ordering will be done online. The first 1200 members to order clothing, will get \$25 off of their order. You pay the rest if your order is more than \$25. All ordering will be done online at this website.

Web Store Link

<http://www.tornadoalleysportswear.com/anoka-hennepin>

This link will be open from February 19 through Midnight on March 4

The password is: AnokaHennepin

The discount code is: AHEM123

If you want your item delivered to you, you pay the shipping. If you choose "Onsite Pick-up," You can pick up at 3200 Main Street, #360, on March 27 or 28.

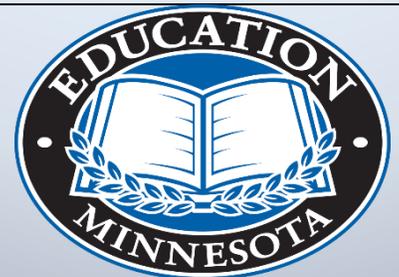


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State-wide Campaign for Full Funding

Alexandra Vagac will be joining us from EdMN to support Anoka Hennepin in the statewide campaign to win full funding. She will be reaching out and contacting you to follow-up around the issues of inadequate funding of our schools. If you are interested in reaching her, her contact information is (651)231-7068. In the coming week, look for a schedule for when to look for Alexandra's visit.



A MEETING FOR **SPECIALISTS** TO DISCUSS ISSUES PERTINANT TO THE CHALLENGES THEY EXPERIENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE UNION OFFICE ON MONDAY, MARCH 2 AT 4:45. IF YOU ARE A SPECIALIST AND WISH TO SPEAK ABOUT YOUR SITUATION, PLEASE EMAIL VALERIE.HOLTHUS@EDMN.ORG TO SIGN UP.

Coffee and Politics Meetings



Come and enjoy a latte and a sandwich of your choice on us!
Meet with fellow teachers and your lawmakers!

Sen. Jerry Newton, Rep. Erin Koegel and Rep. Nolan West
Sat., Feb. 29, 11:00 am, Caribou Coffee, 10400 Baltimore St. NE, Blaine, MN



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.....](#)

Census Resources for Educators



The importance of the U.S. Census to the well-being of children and the strength of their public schools cannot be overstated.

Using census data, the federal government allocates tens of billions of dollars in education funds to states and localities annually using formulas that factor in population and poverty levels.

An accurate census count is the critical first step to helping educators address the needs of every child who walks through their doors. The census count happens only once every 10 years; when we undercount young children, the consequences can last most of their childhood.

**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.

'21-'22 CALENDAR

• Calendar Committee

- The First Presentation of the '21-'22 Calendar was presented at the School Board Meeting on 2/24.
- 187 Teacher Duty Days
- 4 Day Workshop Week, First Day of School: 9/7/21
- No school 12/23/21 – 1/2/22
- Spring Break: 3/14-18/22
- Last Day of School – 6/10/23
- School Board had some minor changes
- Second Reading of the Calendar will occur in March.

TRIVIA MAFIA IS BACK!

It was such a fun success last year, we're bringing it back for two more nights!

Mark your calendars: April 2 and April 8.

Green Haven Golf Course, Anoka

4:00 - ???

You deserve a night with your union family!

Come and decompress and enjoy some heavy apps, win some prizes, and have some fun!

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 if interested. There will be a training on **Tuesday, March 10, 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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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.)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Lobby Day at the Capitol – Thurs., March 5
- ❖ AHEM Executive Board Meeting – Mon., March 9
- ❖ Member Engagement Training – Tues., March 10, 12:30 – 4:00, Union Hall 3200 Main St.#360
- ❖ Safe Schools Meeting – Wed., March 11, 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ End of Tri 2 – Thurs., March 12
- ❖ Remote Grading Day – Fri., March 13
- ❖ Spring Break – March 16 - 20
- ❖ **St. Patrick's Day, Tues., March 17**
- ❖ School Board Meeting – Mon., March 23, SEC, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Lobby Day – Thurs., March 26
- ❖ **Minnesota Twins First Game of the Season – Thurs., March 26, 1:00 pm**
- ❖ Representative Assembly – Mon., March 30, Union Hall 322200 Main St. #360, 4:45 p.m.



Nobody can go back
and start a new
beginning, but anyone
can start today and
make a new ending.

-Maria Robinson

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