

# AHEM Friday Blast

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**So Much of Your Job is Decided In This Building**  
Join us here, and have a say! 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.

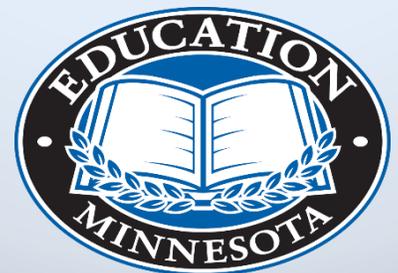
Consider attending a lobby day at the state capitol with your peers to talk with our lawmakers. The union will pay for your sub, and your day at the capitol will not come out of your sick days. **Lobby Days are scheduled on March 5, March 26, and April 16.**

There will also be coffee meetings with legislators. Last week members met with Rep. Vang, representing Brooklyn Center, and Brooklyn Park and Sen. Chamberlain, and Rep. Runbeck, representing Blaine.

**On Feb. 12 we'll meet with Rep. Heinrich, representing Ramsey and Anoka, and Rep. Scott, representing Andover at the Caribou Coffee Shop, 14050 St. Francis Blvd., Ramsey, at 4:45.** Contact Val Holthus [valerie.holthus@edmn.org](mailto:valerie.holthus@edmn.org) to sign up for either lobby days or coffee meetings.



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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. There will be a training on Friday, Feb. 21 at 12:30. 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. To maximize equity to members across the district, these classes will open at 7:00 a.m., 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.)

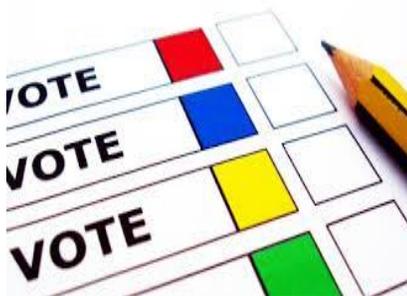
[March 26 - Thursday - Cultural Competency Class - 4:30-6:30](#)

[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.)



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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# Education Minnesota Unity Summit

## *United for Full Funding*



Several members of AHEM attended the Unity Summit last weekend at the Mall of America. Pictured here is one of many classrooms where members learned about the inadequate funding our public schools have been experiencing for many years. Teachers learned about collective action and a plan in 2021 to demand full funding. Public education has reached a critical point, and educators across the state are joining together to make our lawmakers respond to the growing need in our schools. Stay tuned, you will be hearing much about this plan of action in the coming weeks.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ 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.



There are flowers  
everywhere for those  
who want to see them.

-Henri Matisse

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