

# AHEM Friday Blast

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Congratulations to everyone who played a part in Monday's rally, standing up for safety, transparency and communication!



We will continue to work with the district on issues of safety and transparency in the work place. Stay tuned for future actions.

## Here are some news stories about the event:

KARE 11 (2 stories) –

<https://www.kare11.com/article/news/education/anoka-hennepin-school-board-hybrid-distance-learning/89-0468a39c-6ea8-4a7c-81b2-665eb6a396de>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=11&v=fknw8ihLLAg&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=fknw8ihLLAg&feature=emb_logo)

WCCO - <https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2020/08/24/anoka-hennepin-school-district-to-address-teachers-concerns-about-safe-learning/>

FOX 9 - <https://www.fox9.com/video/843796>

KSTP - <https://kstp.com/news/more-minn-school-districts-discuss-school-starts-what-learning-model-to-use-august-24-2020/5838742/?cat=1>

Star Tribune (not a story about our action, but a wrap up of the metro decisions, but good photos!)

- <https://www.startribune.com/minnesota-schools-make-last-minute-pivot-to-distance-learning/572209662/#1>



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## S.E.E.D. Seeking Education and Diversity is again available through AHEM this school year.

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Registration is available on Learning Management Systems (LMS under lock and key), and registration is open now.

Cohorts are starting soon, see specific dates in LMS. We read books, listen to speakers, interact with our peers to deepen our understanding of equity issues allowing us to better serve our students. This year groups will be meeting on line. Spaces fill up quickly, so register early. College credits are available through St. Catherine's University.

Look for information in the "In The Know" Newsletter and talk to your colleagues about this popular professional development opportunity. If you have questions, please contact [Beth.Popalisky@ahschools.us](mailto:Beth.Popalisky@ahschools.us) or [Jan.Flavion@ahschools.us](mailto:Jan.Flavion@ahschools.us) with questions.

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SEED cohorts meet monthly for three hours each session. SEED classes create safe, conversational communities that drive change around equity allowing us to better serve our students and build community.

## Union Materials

Because of printing delays, distribution of membership materials will be delivered later next month. You will receive your calendars and other information about union benefits in your mailbox starting September 14<sup>th</sup> (and some special gifts!!)



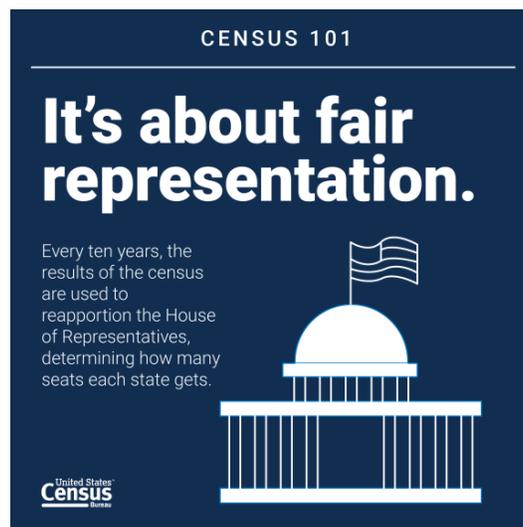
## Welcome New Teachers!

I will be delivering your membership materials this coming week. I can't wait to meet you! If you would like to join now, here is the link: <https://join.nea.org/minnesota/>

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## *The 2020 Census: Why is that important to me?*

Minnesota could lose one U.S. Representative and educational funding if not enough people don't complete the census, please participate! Please visit [www.nea.org/Census](http://www.nea.org/Census) for more information.



BAD TIMES HAVE A CERTAIN VALUE.

THESE ARE OCCASIONS A GOOD LEARNER WOULD NOT MISS.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ Aug 31 No students, workshops
- ❖ Sep 1-3 No students, workshops
- ❖ Sep 4 No Students, flex workshop day
- ❖ Sep 7 District closed, holiday
- ❖ Sep 8-11 Welcome, Orientation
- ❖ Sep 14 5:30 School Board Work Session, ESC
- ❖ Sep 21 4:45 Executive Board/RA Meeting via Zoom
- ❖ Sep 28 6:30 School Board Mtg., SEC

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