

AHEM Friday Blast

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Unofficial Election Results for the Area of Anoka-Hennepin School District with Education Minnesota's Endorsements, as of 11/5.

CD3 – Dean Phillips (endorsee)
CD6 – Tom Emmer
31 – Michelle Benson
31A – Kurt Daudt
31B - Cal Bahr
34 – Warren Limmer (This one is most likely done but VERY close)
34A – Kristin Robbins
35- Jim Abeler (no endorsement)
35A – Jim Heinrich
35B - Peggy Scott
36 – John Hoffman (endorsee)
36A – Zack Stephenson (endorsee)
36B – Melissa Hortman (endorsee)
37 – Jerry Newton (endorsee)
37A – Erin Koegel (endorsee)
37B – Nolan West
38 – Roger Chamberlain (This one is also most likely done but close)
38A – Donald Raleigh
40 - Chris Eaton (endorsee)
40B – Samantha Vang (no endorsement)
41 - Mary Kunesh-Podein (endorsee)
41A – Connie Bernardy (endorsee)

Have you ever wondered why is it that one presidential candidate can win the popular vote but another wins the electoral vote, and thus, the presidency?

It's because that's how the framers of the Constitution set it up. This system of electing presidents is a big reason why President Donald Trump won the election in 2016. Four candidates in history have won a majority of the popular vote only to be denied the presidency by the Electoral College. That includes Hillary Clinton, who had the largest popular vote margin of any losing presidential candidate in U.S. history.

The Electoral College was devised at the Constitutional Convention in 1787. It was a compromise between those who wanted direct popular elections for president and those who preferred to have Congress decide. At a time of little national identity and competition among the states, there were concerns that people would favor their regional candidates and that big states with denser populations would dominate the vote.

The Electoral College has 538 members, with the number allocated to each state, based on how many representatives it has in the House, plus its two senators. (The District of Columbia gets three, despite the fact that the home to Congress has no vote in Congress.) To be elected president, the winner must get at least half plus one — or 270 electoral votes.

Associated Press, Edited by Dawn Jorgensen, 10/9/20 10:00 am



Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP)

WE HAVE THE POWER!

PEIP is a self-funded trust plan administered by the state of MN., and leverages off of the state's 50,000 employees to create a unique plan design which offers a great deal of transparency and flexibility. Because of PEIP's pooling structure, it offers the advantages of self-funding (lower administration costs) without the claims volatility.

Please contact Laura.bratland@edmn.org if you would like to participate on the insurance organizing committee.



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Recommended Policy Option Range (14-day case rate per 10,000 people)
Covid case rates have shown an increase in both counties since the last reporting period.

In-person learning for all students	0 to less than 10
Elementary in-person, Middle/high school hybrid	10 to less than 20
Both hybrid	20 to less than 30
Elementary hybrid, Middle/high school distance	30 to less than 50
Both distance	50 or more

Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by County Updated 10/29/2020

Anoka: 71.8

Hennepin County 48.7

**October Annual Enrollment Report,
Presented at the October 26 School Board Meeting**

Overall K-12 Enrollment

<u>October 2017</u>	<u>October 2018</u>	<u>October 2019</u>	<u>October 2020</u>
37,062	37,008	37,386	36,325

The decline from 2019 to 2020 is most heavily impacted at kindergarten, as a larger portion of kindergarten students did not enroll. The numbers in elementary had a more significant decline and the secondary numbers are partially explained by attrition and generally positive gains at 6th and 9th grade.

Homeschool increases explain some of the loss. Private and charter school enrollments do not seem to impact the decline. There is an increase in students who have withdrawn that the District has no information about where they went and why they left.

COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs

Follow the appropriate path if a child, student, or staff person is experiencing the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

- **More common:** fever greater than or equal to 100.4°F, new onset and/or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell.
- **Less common:** sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, muscle pain, excessive fatigue, new onset of severe headache, new onset of nasal congestion or runny nose.



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New Covid-19 Data Examination Team

A group of stakeholders representing several different segments of the District had their first meeting on Thursday, 11/5. This group has the task of evaluating data sets available from the County, State, and possibly other sources in order to determine which sets should be considered as the most valid for making District decisions. Participating in the group are various levels of District administration, parents, school board members, community members, county and state health officials, Val Holthus, AHEM President, and Verna Wong, AHEM member and Anoka Hennepin Teachers of Color Coalition Co-Chair.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Expires on December 31 establishes two separate and temporary paid leave laws, which run from April 1 – Dec. 31: the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act. These laws provide emergency paid sick leave and some partially paid parental leave protections to eligible employees who need to provide care to their children because of school and child care closures.

Contact Employee Services to access these programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

❖ Announcements:

- AHEM Executive Board – Mon., Nov. 9, 4:45 pm, Virtual
- School Board Work Session – Nov. 9, 6:30 pm (not 5:30 as usual), ESC
- American Education Week – Nov. 16-20
- AHEM Representative Assembly – Mon., Nov. 16, 4:45 pm, Virtual
- School Board Meeting – Mon., Nov. 23, 6:30 pm, SEC
- Group A Students in Session – Mon., Nov. 23
- Group B Students in Session – Tues., Nov. 24
- No School, Conference Conversion Day – Wed., Nov. 25
- District Closed, Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 26 – 27
- End of Trimester 1, Thurs., Dec. 3
- No Students, Staff Planning and Grading Day, Fri., Dec. 4
- No Students, Staff Development/PLC, Mon. Dec. 7

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