

AHEM Friday Blast

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Greetings Anoka Hennepin Education Minnesota Members!

I'm John Wolhaupter and I will be serving as your lead negotiator in the next round of bargaining. More information about the members of the team will be coming out soon.

While our current contract does not expire until June 30th, 2021, the Negotiations Team has already started planning. As part of that work, our negotiations survey will be coming out to you next week. This is earlier than the survey has been conducted in recent rounds. As the team continues preparations and identifies priorities for bargaining, we need to hear from you. Your input is vital and is just the first step in involving all of you in the bargaining process. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Anoka County Library is Now Offering Student Hours

All grade levels can come into the library during regularly closed hours to complete schoolwork, use computers and find resources at the library. Hours at the Crooked Lake Library are Thursdays 4:15-5:45pm, Fridays 8:30-10:30am and 10:30am -12:30pm. Students must register 24 hours in advance by calling the Crooked Lake Library at 763-324-1530. Students 10 years old and under must be accompanied by a responsible guardian. Times may be adjusted, so it is important to call ahead.



Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP) WE HAVE THE POWER!

The PEIP committee has started to meet and have heard from the State of MN's PEIP Coordinator, Education Minnesota's PEIP expert, and members of other locals who are members of PEIP.

From the period from 2010 to 2020 the PEIP pool has averaged a 3% increase. The pool is up to approx.. 200 districts, 450 total groups with more than 26,000 contracts, and approx. 54,000 members.

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

MN Dept. of Health: Case Rates per 10,000, Based on 14-day Case Rate, Updated 12/3/20

11/8 – 11/21: Anoka County, 196.41 Hennepin County, 131.86

jwolfson.shinyapps.io: Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 14-day Case Rate by County
Updated 12/2/2020

Anoka: 163.1 Hennepin County 121.8

Delegate selection for 2021 NEA Convention

The National Education Association Representative Assembly is currently planned to be held in person July 2-6 in Denver. All active Education Minnesota members are eligible to run to be a state-credentialed delegate for the NEA RA. This means that the expenses to travel to the convention and hotel and meals will be paid by Education Minnesota. The filing period to be a state-credentialed delegate closes Dec. 11. The forms to file to be a state-credentialed delegate are located in the current issue of the Minnesota Educator newsletter. AHEM is allowed 1 delegate to be funded by Education Minnesota.

In addition, AHEM has budgeted to send a few additional members. If you are interested in attending, please either submit the form to be a state funded delegate, or email valerie.holthus@edmn.org to attend as a locally funded delegate.

National Education Association Conference is the primary legislative and policymaking body of the Association and derives its powers from, and is responsible to, the membership. The Representative Assembly adopts the strategic plan and budget, resolutions, the Legislative Program, and other policies of the Association. Delegates vote by secret ballot on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Those delegates with full voting rights elect the executive officers, Executive Committee members, and at-large members of the NEA Board of Directors, as appropriate.

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.

Retirement Congratulations

Robin Weaver

Lincoln-Teacher

6/11/2021

John D Wrobel

Roosevelt Middle School

12/11/2020

In school, you're taught the lesson and then you're given the test.

In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.

-Tom Bodett

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

❖ Announcements:

- End of Trimester 1, Friday, December 4
- No Students, Staff Planning and Grading Day, Monday, December 7
- No Students, Staff Development, Monday, December 14
- School Board Meeting, Monday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.
- AHEM Rep Assembly & Executive Board Meeting, Monday, December 21, 4:45
- No Students, Winter Break, December 23, 2020 – January 3, 2021
- School Resumes January 4.
- Filing Opens for AHEM Treasurer, and AHEM funded delegates to State and National Conventions, January 4, 2021
- AHEM Rep Assembly, Monday, January 11, 4:45

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