

STRONGER TOGETHER



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Friday Blast

AHEM and The Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation (MRLF) Join Forces

On Saturday, 9/17, AHEM and the MRLF hosted a door-knock and phone bank for Zach Stephenson and Jerry Newton, Education Minnesota's endorsed candidates along with guest speaker former AHEM President and State Auditor, Julie Blaha. Several union members representing all sorts of labor unions came together for a common cause, electing pro-union candidates to support issues important to middle class workers like ourselves. An extra addition for this event was a bounce house for the young children of the volunteers. **If you were not able to join Saturday's event, there is another scheduled on Saturday, 10/15 at 10:00 a.m.** For more information or to RSVP, email volunteer@minneapolisunions.org.



Please come and bring the kids!



CONTRACT CONNECTIONS VOLUME 2 NO. 2

“We’re all in this together...”

The Negotiations Team is dedicated to learning more from all of you over the next year heading into bargaining. When we head to the bargaining table with the district next spring, we want to be fighting for the things that are most important to you all. One of our first steps in gathering information is building-level meetings led by your building representatives. The negotiations team encourages you to attend these meetings if you are able.

We are starting with building meetings rather than a survey or focus group with the team to foster conversations among all of us around negotiations. By attending a building meeting, you have the opportunity to not only share your own thoughts, but to hear from others in your building. In some cases, you may hear others with ideas similar to your own. Colleagues may also have very different perspectives on what is important. By having these conversations, we can develop an even greater empathy for each other and achieve more in bargaining.

In solidarity,
Your AHM Negotiations Team

WEEKLY TRIVIA

Congratulations to the winners of last week’s trivia question:

The answer to last week's question
was:

The first three people to get the
correct answer will receive a coffee
gift card.

All 50 state legislatures have the

The past year we saw union members in all sectors supporting each other. The solidarity shown during the strikes of petroleum workers, nurses and teachers was significant. The only thing that *working partnerships* didn't do was:

b. Shoveling Snow!

Congratulations to last week's winners:

Abby Weeres, 3rd Gr. Monroe Elem
Nicole Michels, P-K-3 Parent Ed
Kim Sieben, Roosevelt MS



constitutional authority to override gubernatorial vetoes. A state's constitution also specifies how many legislators are needed to override those vetoes.

- Thirty-six states require a two-thirds vote from both chambers.
- Seven states require a three-fifths vote from both chambers.
- Six states require a simple majority vote from both chambers.

Can you name the one state that requires a two-thirds vote in a joint meeting of both chambers, House and Senate?

Please email your answer to Valerie.Holthus@EdMN.org

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

from Aaron Balzer

Surprise! Early Voting Starts Today! Voting Day is November 8th!

Your #1 way to be heard is to Vote. Your essential voting resources:

- [What you need to know to vote in Minnesota's November election](#)
- [Minnesota 2022 voter's guide: Who's running in the election, where they stand on the issues.](#)
- [MN Secretary of State website: voting info, applying for absentee ballot](#)

Election Law: An election law bill that was recently passed by the US House, and a similar bipartisan bill in the Senate that would overhaul election certification and avoid repeating problems relates to the January 6th, 2020 insurrection. While bipartisan support is growing in the Senate, a vote is expected only after the current November election. The measure, in some form, is expected to become law.

Swatting: Swatting means calling law enforcement agencies to get a big response. 16 MN school districts have been targeted recently with phony active shooter or similar threats. So far, the culprit appears to be 1 individual. The MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) stated, "While people should call 911

about an immediate threat,... students and community members can report tips about threats made against Minnesota schools using the 'See It, Say It, Send It' app."

Thanks, Minnesota Department of Education: After MDE reported suspicious activity, a large fraud scheme has recently been uncovered by the US Dept. of Justice involving the nonprofit "Feed Our Future". 47 people have been indicted so far for stealing as much as \$250 million of federal monies directed towards feeding needy kids in MN.

10 REASONS TO BELONG TO AHEM

1. **FREE** Re-licensure Credits for when your license becomes due.
2. Inexpensive college credit available for a lane change, for an increase in pay.
3. Discipline/Grievance Representation, if your principal isn't following the contract.
4. **FREE** Legal Services and Liability Insurance, in case you are falsely accused of wrong-doing.
5. **FREE** college for union members AND their families, earn a free associate degree or Bachelor's Degree on line.
6. Advocacy for you with administration and/or the school board, for when your voice needs to be heard with no worry of retribution.
7. **FREE** student loan debt relief seminars.
8. Contract Negotiations, for raises, health insurance and other benefits you deserve.
9. Discounts on entertainment, finance management, travel, insurance and Retirement Planning
10. Power in Numbers, which gives us the strength to demand better working conditions, pay and benefits.

MEMEBER-ONLY P.D. OPPOTUNITIES

The following re-licensure classes will be available this trimester. The sign up window will open on October 7 and links will be sent to you from your building rep. All classes will be virtual.

October 25 - English Learners
October 27- Suicide Prevention
November 1 - Mental Health
November 3 - Positive Intervention
November 10 - Reading
November 15 - Modifications

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



September 25 - October 1

SEPT 25TH: Erin Zimmerman, Alyson Griffin, Gail Johnson, Julie Moldan, Anna Bellefeuille, Sara Young, Emily Johnson, Taylor Felton.

SEPT 26TH: Greg Glaser, Aleece Holmgren, Julia Corneil-Smith, Heidi Bahauddin, Nicole Sheehy, Michele Willert, Brian Pender, Samantha Gruidl-Wasserott, Jordyn Myhran.

SEPT 27TH: Katherine Edson, Haisung Kieferm, Jacob Wolfe, Sara Woolsey, Kelly Timonen, Maureen Schmidt, Paula Bump, Kelli Wacker.

SEPT 28TH: Valeri Krebsbach, Kristi Robinson, Amanda Hondl, Kristin Zelazny, Thomas Gallagher, Julianne Haenel, Rachel Lindberg, Sarah Shidell.

SEPT 29TH: Victoria Horberg-Olson, Meghan Schneider, Elizabeth Mangrich, Juleen Becker, Elisabeth Carlson, Brian Huot, Penny Walsh, Amber Jannicke, Robynn Gehring, Blair Eckman.

SEPT 30TH: Ann Perreault, Robyn Aaron, Alicia Nelson, Julie Rita, Jennifer Luing, Carla Neitzel, Daniel Koch, Jeremy Burgard, Nicole Fish, Christina Miller, Jennifer Pillsbury, Nicolle Mielke, Kristen Dearmond, Maya Keating, Alece Henderson, Erin Nolz.

OCT 1ST: Ashley Quien, Ricardo Layne, Bryan Woodley, Carole Giardini, Kathryn Anderson, Tanya Vargas, Darbi Kosir, Benjamin Sutton, Caitlin Morris, Alayna Rudolph.

*If you don't see your name and you should, please email us to let us know!

COMING UP

Absentee Ballots can be requested at any time.

- **First day to vote early in person: Friday, September 23**
- **Absentee ballots will be mailed to those who requested an absentee ballot, Sept. 23**
- School Board Meeting – Sept. 26, 6:30pm ESC
- Superintendent Focus Group for Teachers– Monday, Sept. 26, 5:00, ESC
- Superintendent Search Community Meetings, CPHS and CRHS
- AHEM Rep. Assembly – Oct 10, 4:45pm
- Indigenous Peoples Day - Oct. 10
- School Board Work Session- Oct. 10, 5:30pm ESC
- Sweetest Day- Oct. 15
- Education Minnesota MEA Conference-, Oct 20 & 21
- United Nations Day - Oct. 24
- AHEM Exec. Board Meeting, Oct. 24, 4:45pm
- School Board Meeting. Oct. 24, 6:30pm ESC
- Halloween Oct. 31



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