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Friday Blast

Happy
New Year! 2023

MEA Online will be down for maintenance starting Jan. 1, 2023. Please direct questions to meaonline@edmn.org

Contract Connections

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We Want to Hear From You!

January 18 - Negotiations Member Listening Session



The AHEM Negotiations Team will be holding online listening sessions for AHEM members on January 18, 2023. Members of the team will be online from 3-7 pm. There will be a short presentation/orientation at the top of each hour, but you can join at any time that works for you. Most of the time will be set aside for the negotiations team to hear from you all.

RSVP with Link or QR Code– you will receive a zoom link prior to session:

<https://forms.gle/d1RB8XJt9SBXb9Uu7>

The negotiations team can be reached anytime at ahemnegotiations@gmail.com

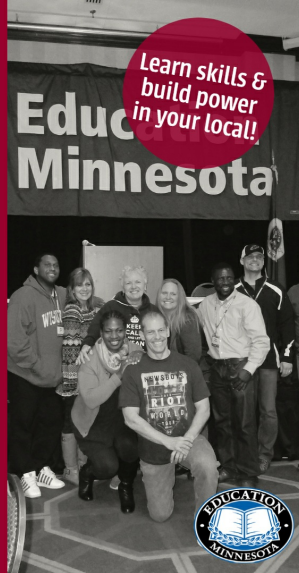
In solidarity,
Your AHEM Negotiations Team
John Wolhaupter - Lead
Luke Amundson
Mark Corcoran
Traci Intihar
Jon Plotz

**2023 Collective Bargaining &
Organizing Conference 2nd position**

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Collective
Bargaining
&
Organizing
Conference**

**Jan. 20-21
St. Paul**

**Register:
edmn.me/cboc**



AHEM Professional Development

**The following re-licensure classes will be available this trimester.
All classes will be virtual.
Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. 1/6**

[February 7, 2023 \(Tuesday\) ~ 4:30-5:30 pm ~ AHEM Suicide Prevention Class](#)

[February 16, 2023 \(Thursday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Key Warning Signs - Mental Health Class](#)

[February 28, 2023 \(Tuesday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Best Practice for English Language Learners Class](#)

[March 7, 2023 \(Tuesday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies Class](#)

[March 23, 2023 \(Thursday\) ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ AHEM Reading Instruction Class](#)

[March 28, 2023 \(Tuesday\) ~ 5:00-7:00 pm ~ Accommodation, Modification and Adaptation of Curriculum, Materials and Instruction](#)



The answer to last week's question was:

wópida

Comes from the "Dakota Sioux" and means "Gratitude"

Congratulations to last week's winners:

*Mikaela Bordewick, Monroe Elem
Erica Enerson, University Ave.
Jenny Darling, Franklin Elem*

Please reply to this email to submit your answer.

3 winners will be selected at random to win a coffee gift card. Submit your answer by 11:59pm Friday (day of Blast) to be entered to win!

In 1913 Minnesota legislators began to be elected on nonpartisan ballots.

Legislators ran caucused as

"Liberals" or "Conservatives". What

year saw the return of party designation elections in the

Minnesota House?

- A. 1933
- B. 1945
- C. 1959
- D. 1973

Government Relations

Aaron Balzer
Government Relations Chair

MN Legislature: Our new legislature was sworn in this week with the Democrats in the majority. If you want to make your priorities known, do so early, as bills will be moving faster than usual. There are already bills moving forward this first week of session. [Contact your legislator.](#)

2023 Legislative Plan: The draft proposal will be presented to the Representative Assembly on Monday. It focuses on overall budget, pension reform, healthy schools, and making strides on equitable schools for all.

Pension updates: regular updates from Education Minnesota:

<https://educationminnesota.org/news/uncategorized/pension-form/>

Lobbying: Lobbying will be virtual again this year. Please join me for events with Legislative districts 31, 32, 34 and 35. Look to see which events you'd like to attend by finding out [who represents me?](#) I need people to attend and share your concerns with our legislators. I will help you get your thoughts together - it's very easy. Email me with your willingness to

participate at: aaronbalzer@yahoo.com.

[Who Represents me?](#) Click for an interactive map of the Minnesota Legislature.

Save the Date!

We will be hosting a Pension Advocacy presentation on February 7 at 4:45 pm at the Anoka Hennepin office. This will be advertised in *The Friday Blast* in the coming month.

Pension Updates



THE VOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL
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[Click here for most up to date articles](#)

Capitol Connection



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This newsletter is your trusted source on education news from the State Capitol

Minnesota's five-month legislative session starts today! After a historic pro-public education election win, every new education committee chair is Education Minnesota-endorsed (and some of them are educators themselves!), which sets us up to achieve big wins for educators and students. With a \$17.6 billion-dollar surplus, we could see investments that will lower class sizes, support fair wages and retirement, and work to solve staffing shortages.

Stay tuned to this weekly email for updates on Capitol happenings, and how you can stay involved.

[Click to read on](#)

Union Safety Advice

AHEM Advice regarding Staff Safety

What should I do if I witness students fighting?

Call for help, and do not intervene, especially if you are not CPI certified. Do not put yourself in harm's way, and do not touch the students. Focus on keeping other students away from the situation. I know it is hard to witness students hurting one another, but your health and safety are more important. Also, unfortunately, getting involved getting involved runs the risk of a PELBS or MDE investigation since students can become injured with staff engaging in holds or restrictions without training.

What if there is danger and no one is responding to my calls (via radio or phone) for help?

You have the right to call 911 if your students or you are in danger and no one from the office is responding to your calls for help.

What should I do if I witness student(s) destroying property?

Again, do not engage in any physical way. You can re-direct them verbally or call administration for help. If they do not respond, and there is no imminent danger to the physical safety of anyone, then let it happen. Document what happened to administration in writing as soon as possible.

What do you mean by imminent danger?

If a student could die, or be seriously injured, think broken bones, then intervene. Otherwise, so not touch the students.

What can I do if I am threatened by a student, I am afraid for my safety, and administration is not supporting me?

Document the threats, and if they happen more than once, you can file a restraining order against the student in the District Court, though courts are hesitant to issue restraining orders against minors, and the behavior will have to be demonstrably averse to your sense of safety, security, or privacy. You can also report the threats to local law enforcement. If you are feeling unsafe, please contact your Field Staff, so they can refer you to legal for a consultation on next best steps.

Please know that AHEM will support you in however we can in these difficult situations, please give Field Staff Anna, or David a call if you have any questions or need support 763-421-9110.

Happy Birthday!!!



December 2 - January 14

Peggy Martin
Michelle Gooley
Kristeen Sanders
Mary Manke
Krista Pocta
Jennifer Leonhardt
William Samsel
Amanda Jones
Peter Mesick
Krista Carlson
Michelle Parsons
Karla Haben
April Huchel
Susan O'Neill
Jennifer Thorsen
Kristen McAloon
Kimberly Schenk
Holly Burrington
Brittney Kurtz
Mary Aguilar
Nicole Chesney
Rachel Maschke
Kelly Langton
Kelly Gillen
Emma Ahart
Mary Nettleton
Kelley Nelson
Eric Naess
Amy Svendsen
Melissa Griemann
Stephanie Fenno
Nicolle Westervelt
Walter Madden
Megan Bellos
Ann Dublin
Traci Andersen
Harold Groce
Lynne Marrah
Liza Maney
Alexandra Erickson
Kimberly Johnson

Paige Skakal
Jean Delarco
Thomas Maeckalbergh
Kimberly Wiczek
Cheryl Lombardi
Stacy Larson
Kimberly Lundberg-Drajna
Colleen Skoglund
Bradley Gullickson
Scott Storrick
Kristen Feine
Michael Weber
Derek Rueckert
Emily Lindgren
Jamie Lamotte
Jodi Schmitt
Mathew Anderson
Lisa Cole
Dana Ritchie
Sarah Ekelund
Roni Monson
Bobak Ameli
Dawn Applequist
Lorin Buzay
Peter Mckenzie
Cara Parent
Christina Ross
Michelle Tentis
Stephanie Tutt
Jill Welch
Lisa Boelter
Lynn Schaefer
Megan Hendrix
Diane Ludwig
Susan Elliott
Lamar Brendemuehl
Andrew Silmser
Jennifer Johnson-Bayliss
Shannon Raabolle
Toni Jesinoski
Melissa Keuning

Michael Watson
Craig Lindgren
Margaret Saba
Marceline Marquardt
Debra Holmquist
Brian Knaeble
Robert Sand
Katherine Mabel
Kari Chura
Judy Mertes
Cathy Lamone
Amy Wallraff
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Kelly McQuay
Tara Larkin
Lisa Torbenson
Jill Eck
Jessica Askew
Christine McCormick
Timothy Pettman
Marisa Nicholson
Timothy Murphy
Pamela Hein
Jamie Costello
Reepal Engholm
Paul Darda
Rebecca Chileen
Alice Wilson
Sara Anderson
Melody Hopps
Carissa Simonet
Roxanne Chambliss
Sonia Stark
Alicia Ekdahl
Michelle Gauslin
LeeAnn MacArthur
Carolyn Archibald
Stephanie Brahms
Holly Johnson
Monica Shaw
Sarah Hartman

Jennifer Malchow

Beth Heimerl

Dawn Kugler-Park

Debra Geiger

Neil Eerdmans

Bradley Kasper

Anjanette Doty

Ronette Bakkene

Angie Teig-Miller

Tamara Timmons

Kimberly Swanson

Pamela Schwint

Robert Scott

Dan Foss

Thomas Luck

Mary Kriz

Scott Zinken

Jodi Eernisse

Jodi Baker

Amy Schultz

Paula McCusker

Joseph Hirte

Janis Garofano

Sarah Johnson

Stacy Stroh

Jessica Sandberg

Joel Sakry

Aaron Hunter

Todd Manthey

Laura Kaiser

Dawn Spiess

Heather Birkliid

Hoa Nguyen

Heidi Phillips

Michelle Lange

Ruth Morgan

Jacolyn Sjodin

James Taylor

James Goodrich

Robert Luke

Brent Hatch

Rachel Gaspar

Melissa Noble

Richard Wilkie

Christopher Diemer

Kyle Brown

Karla Fox

Carrie Hines

Katherine Dvorak

Christian Way

Allison Skogquist

Kathryn Wahl

Sara Narr

April Fuller

Thomas Amundson

Ann Plienis

Kathleen Barker

Thomas Vanvoorhis

Jason Bassett

Melissa Fredrich

Calleen Grundhauser

Chad Kuehne

Cory Moore

Lisa Herlache

Trisha Terhaar

Kathleen Jacobs

Timothy Quigley

Lynn Roberts

Nicole Dille

Robert Bambery

Michelle Weise

Tamara Vanvoorhis

Jenny Norton

Susan Huemann

Jennifer Thorsland

Brian Owens

Sarah Ketchum

Stephanie Young

Ryan Moore

Stephanie Monson

Douglas Jones

Justine Wewers

Derek Quist

Amy Hagen

Sarah Reed

Emily Tinetti

Kristin Hedges

April Godwin

Kevin Hagen

Allison Schneider

Tonya Ames

Jon Hirt

Kade Lane

Sonjae Blanks

Paige Bethke

Samuel Woods

Lydia Juaire

Sarah Hernandez

Jeana Hearshman

Kate Boynton

Nicole Egan

Jamie Peterson

David Grider

Jeffrey Berg

Jessica Wang

Jennifer Stiles

Caitlin Johnson

Jodi Pautzke

Hannah Toedter

Tamara Strandberg

Teresa Holm

Colleen Neary

Abigail Fonken

Sarah Johnson

Caroline Barnes

Robert Barnette

Dean Halvorson

Angela Perkins

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

If you do see your name and it's incorrect, you can also let us know :)

Coming Up

January 10 - AHEM Negotiation Team Listening Session, 3 - 7 p.m., Virtual

January 9 - Rep Assembly Meeting, 4:45 p.m., Virtual

January 9 - School Board Mtg, 6:30 p.m., SEC

January 11 - LCAT Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Virtual

January 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - AHEM office closed

January 18 - AHEM Negotiation Team Listening Session, 3 - 7 p.m., Virtual
January 20-21 - EdMN Collective Bargaining Conference
January 23 - Executive Board Mtg, 4:45 p.m., Virtual
January 23 - School Board Mtg, 6:30 p.m., SEC
January 30 - AHEM filings close

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