



Anaheim Elementary Education Association

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The vision for AEEA in 08-09 is to build strength through unity, growth in leadership, and increased participation by providing support, service, and advocacy for members' rights. AEEA Executive Board, July 28, 2008

QUICK NOTES

- **Your AEEA dues are tax deductible.**
- If you or someone you know is on an unpaid leave and has not contacted the Teachers United office in order to maintain membership, it is an important action to take. Active members on leave retain voting rights and other member benefits. Voting while on leave may take place by utilizing one of the following methods: vote at your school site, vote at Teachers United, or request voting materials to be sent to your home.
- A School Site Council (SSC) is like a "school board". Members share decisions and voting power. As categorical expenditures for next year are being determined, and decisions are being made about either people or things, remind your teacher representatives to gather input from staff and represent the majority voice. With budget reductions possibly leading to changes in services provided for students, SSC is the vehicle for communicating opinions and priorities. Money is limited, but if your staff has consensus that students and learning are first, they also need to make their opinions known as to how to reach that goal. The School Site Council incorporates a democratic process and gives each member a vote.
- The Education "Ed" Council has 12 members: one from each grade level, SDC, GATE, at-large, and alternates. To access agendas and minutes use the Employee Intranet link on the district homepage and go to Education Services. Minutes are also sent to all Subscribers.

BUDGET INFORMATION

If you were not able to attend the last few school board meetings, you missed a lot of information that cannot possibly be included in this article. Please contact AEEA leadership if you have questions, concerns, or want additional information.

In preparation for putting into place a PLAN for the 09-10 ACSD budget, there were many possible cuts and changes identified. Those items generated massive interest and concern from employees, parents, students, and community members.

The actions the school board took on March 9, 2009 put the plan in place. It is still too early to tell exactly what is going to happen, and as events occur and things change, we will hopefully have more clarity in comparison to some of the confusion that currently exists. For example: as the different plans for budget changes were printed and posted, miraculously almost every job was saved except for 55 teacher positions, a figure that did not even include over 150 temporary teachers. The previous list of possible cuts included 2 certificated furlough days and 49 teacher positions being cut. I have been informed that some assume a "deal" was made because the furlough days were off the list, but more teaching positions were cut. Any change to the contract is subject to negotiations.

Some members think a pay cut will save jobs. Keep in mind that if the negotiations process generated a proposed pay cut, there is no guarantee that money would be used to save jobs. Consider the following quote from CTA staff, "If the district all of a sudden had a windfall of money, they would not just give us a share because it is the 'right' thing to do. That too would have to go through the negotiations process." When a tentative agreement is reached at the end of the negotiations process, the membership must ratify that agreement. Members either vote to support or to not support what was negotiated.

FABULOUS PINK FRIDAY

Everyone's efforts for "Standing Up For Schools" were amazing!!! Thank you all!!! Have you checked the AEEA website lately? Photos from PINK Friday are posted there as well as other important association news and information. www.aaeoftu.org CTA's PINK Friday site has 1,110 photos at the time of printing. What an incredible statewide event!

The School Nurses of ACSD wish to relay the following information regarding peanut and peanut product recalls.

If you go to <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/typhimurium/update.html> and then click on the "FDA's online database" you will find a list of manufacturers of recalled peanut products listed by type of product (i.e. cookies, cereals, etc). Although products have been pulled from grocery shelves, the CDC (Center for Disease Control) is finding that new Salmonella illnesses are occurring because people continue to eat products that they have at home. Some may recall products such as Cliff Bars, or other portable food sources (having expiration dates) in your Earthquake supplies at school and home. One of the Nurses was also surprised to find Trader Joes and Whole Foods Market products listed on the site.

We thought this worthy of your attention.
School Nurses of ACSD
Healthy Children Learn Better

ELECTIONS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Suzanne Gamache and Lynn Vincent! Both were recently elected to serve on the PAR Panel. Many thanks to all the candidates for their interest and participation!

The 2009-2010 Calendar Ratification election was counted on March 18, 2008. There were 568 ballots cast: 456 Yes, 86 No, 1 Abstention, and 25 Illegal due to more ballots than signatures being submitted. The AEEA Calendar Committee surveys members and then drafts a calendar based on the majority results of the survey. That draft is then used as a template for collaboration with other stakeholders to reach consensus. The calendar draft will most likely be an action item on the agenda for the March 23 meeting of the ACSD School Board. Thank you for all your work committee!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 23 rd	AEEA Representative Council 4:00 Unemployment/COBRA meeting @ Savannah High 4:00
March 25 th	ACSD School Board meeting 6:00
March 27 th	NEA-RA ballots due to TU @ 4:00 Temporary Teachers meeting @ Loara Elementary Auditorium 3:30
March 30–April 21	AEEA Officers and Directors Election
April 10 th	TU Office Closed
April 20 th	AEEA Executive Board 4:00
April 21 st	AEEA Officer and Director Election ballots due to TU by 4:00
April 27 th	AEEA Representative Council 4:00
April 28 th	Maternity Leaves Workshop at TU 4:00

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