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President's Message

I sincerely hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. We all need to get relaxation and recharging into our busy schedules. I have fully recovered as most of you are already aware of.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and well wishes I received before I had my surgery and during my recuperation. The phone calls also helped me through the long days of recuperating. I really appreciated all the wonderful thoughtfulness.

We have scheduled a General Membership meeting on February 9. We are trying to get everything in place and be ready for negotiations. To be fully aware of the majority of concerns and expectations we need your input, so please attend the meeting if at all possible.

The AEA procedure when I am visiting a school is that I am permitted to have dialogue with teachers before and after school hours and during non-teaching time during the school day. An example of non teaching time is lunch. However, if an issue is critical and needs to be addressed quickly I **may** be able to meet with you during your prep time. In order to meet during prep time I must get permission from your building administrator.

I need to remind all of you that I **DO NOT** have a district email address you must use the email listed below or I will not receive it. If it seems like you have heard this before you probably have. This is an ongoing issue and I feel I need to frequently remind everyone.

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ISSUES & CONCERNS

If you have a concern or issue or something just doesn't seem correct please call, email or fax a note to AEA. Judgment calls on whether a situation is a grievance or not should be decided by AEA and/or PSEA and not by individuals at the building level.

Faculty Reps are there for questions you may have and to represent you in certain types of meetings.

SICK BANK

The ASD and their attorney's were given a proposal and to date the ASD has not dealt with the issue. We feel they have had ample time to get back to us with a suitable compromise or counter proposal.

We have decided to file a grievance to try and expedite the completion of a satisfactory agreement regarding the sick bank. We will keep you informed of the status.

AEA Calendar

Feb 1 - AEA Exec Comm Mtg

Feb 6 - AEA Fac Rep Mtg

Feb 9 - AEA General Membership Mtg

Feb 17 - 20 - President's Holiday

Feb 23 - ASD Board Mtg

Mar 10 - AEA Social

ADDRESS UPDATES

Please make sure the AEA has your current mailing address. We will be mailing ballots for our election this year. In order to receive a ballot we must have your current address. If we have the wrong address it will come back to us and because of the delay you won't be able to vote.

If you have moved within the last 2 years please call the office and verify that we have the correct address on file. If you are not sure call the office and check with Carolyn.

TAXES

If you have misplaced your last pay-stub of December and need the amount of dues you paid for 2005 call the AEA office. The ASD has supplied us with a list so that we can help you get an accurate figure for tax purposes.