

## Akron Education Association

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**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer:** This year's walk is this Sunday October 17, 2010 at Lock 3 in downtown Akron. Program and activities start at 9 am. The walk through downtown starts at 10 am. Look for the AEA tent near the stage. Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win one of nine prizes including a 26 inch LCD TV/DVD.

**Race To The Top (RttT):** The AEA members of the Transformation Team have met two times so far with the members of the Board's team to work collaboratively to develop a Final Scope of Work, which shall be submitted to ODE by October 22, 2010. The members of the AEA team are: Jeff Moats (AEA), Bill Siegfert (AEA), Janell Brown (Crouse), Angela Vassolotti (Schumacher), Susanne Grywalski (Firestone), Melissa Powers (Buchtel) and Keith Liechty (Ott). The first year of RttT will be used to plan specific goals, activities, timelines, budgets, key personnel and annual targets for key performance measures consistent with the Final Scope of Work. The plan is to implement RttT on a pilot basis meaning it will not be district wide. AEA hopes to identify buildings that would volunteer to implement RttT. Most of the initiatives of RttT will not start until year three. APS will receive over nine million dollars over the four years of RttT. AEA will be making presentations starting in early 2011 to those buildings that are interested in RttT. Look for a lot more information regarding RttT to come out in the coming weeks.

**Chronic Sick Day Review Committee:** Members on maternity leave or extended leave due to surgery or legitimate medical reasons **will not** be identified as suspected cases of abuse of sick days.

**Threat Assessment (TA) Procedures:** Please refer to the handout for situations in which a student making a serious threat should be referred to student services for an expulsion hearing.

**Endorsements:** AEA has endorsed the following candidates for this fall's election: Brian Williams 41<sup>st</sup> House District, Mike Moran 42<sup>nd</sup> House District, Stephen Dyer 43<sup>rd</sup> House District and Frank Comunale 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District.