

# AKRON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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September enrollment moves: there were 19 positions where teachers moved among the elementary schools, some teachers returned to elementary

APS Employee discipline code is still unresolved. We are close to an agreement with an APS code—have said they would remove 3 categories where there were conflicts.

Exam schedule: the district will not allow kids to miss school. Semester one exams will be moved to week after X-Mas break, and the end of year exam to the last week of school. Spring exams will be graded on Scantron with objective questions only. Teachers may choose to give their own essay for the end of the year.

Electronic Report Card—Board is looking at adopting an electronic report card program that will work throughout the district.

Six Hour Option staff development—Attys. Larry Vuillemin and Rhonda Porter will be presenting on legal issues: bullying, state laws, including conduct code, and 504 plans. These 3 workshops will be held at the AEA office this fall.

Strides Against Breast Cancer—As you know, we are again a sponsor in this Walk. Our captains met. To avoid any confusion with the school treasurers, Pierson sent email to treasurer's that this is not a school function.

Contract expires at the end of this school year. We will be negotiating with the board this spring. Pierson will be releasing 5 year forecast in October based on June '08.

One CEU will again be available for Building Representatives if reps are interested. Attending 7 or more meetings during the school year is required. One CEU is also available for AEA Trustees—7 or more meetings.

The Sick Bank did assess all of its members a half day this year to replenish the bank. The contract allows the bank to assess each September. The Sick Bank Committee may also waive the assessment if it is not needed. The recent pattern has been a half day assessment about every 3 to 4 years.

Election Season: The AEA Legislative Cte. and Trustees endorsed Brian Williams, our former superintendant, for the 41<sup>st</sup> Ohio House District (West Akron, Norton, Twinsburg, Copley areas). Mike Moran who is running for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ohio House district (Cuyahoga Falls, Stow, Hudson, Silver Lake) was also endorsed. Like Brian, Mike is very pro-public education.

Akron U Cohorts—AU will be offering three additional Masters Degree Cohorts beginning in

January 2009—One in School Counseling, one in Special Education and one in Special Education with licensure. If teachers are interested in getting a masters degree in education through this program, contact Barbara Jenkins from Akron U's Outreach Program for more information at (330)-972-2777 or [bmj@uakron.edu](mailto:bmj@uakron.edu)