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- I. **Agreement Reached on Employee Code of Conduct:** AEA and the administration have settled the Unfair Labor Practice Charge filed by AEA in the Fall of 2007. The Code References Board policies and guidelines in 14 separate offense categories, and incorporates the member disciplinary procedures that appear in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. After months of negotiations, the parties were able to agree on the Code, which will be presented to members soon. The Code applies to all school Employees.
- II. **Akron Scholarship/Sewer Initiative:** AEA has not taken a position on this issue. There is a great deal of debate between the supporters and the opponents of the measure over how the program will actually work. We have spoken with one side, but not the other as of today. We will at the least publish what we believe to be the most accurate account of how the plan will work if approved by the voters. Whether the Legislative Committee actually recommends a position or not remains to be seen.
- III. **Candidates Endorsed:** The Legislative Committee has recommended the endorsement of several candidates in the November 4 election. We will publish the endorsements in the next edition of the Random Notes.
- IV. **Jean/Pink Day:** Thursday, October 16, has been designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Day in APS.
- V. **Contract Expires in June:** The CBA expires on June 30, 2009. Negotiations are expected to open in the spring of 2009. The State will also begin deliberations on the next biennial budget in December. A new state budget is expected to be adopted in June, 2009 at the latest. Obviously, the economy has negatively impacted the state budget, as two rounds of cuts have already taken place this year. All of this will have an impact on the state funding to APS for the 2009-2010 school year.
- VI. **AEA Recognition Dinner for Retired Teachers:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at Guy's Party Centre, cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. Cost of the dinner is \$25. RSVP madams@akronteach.org or call AEA.

