

Welcome back, educators!

I hope you had a restful and rejuvenating winter break. As we kick off the new year, we want to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work and dedication you bring to your students and families each and every day. Your commitment to their success is evident in all you do, and it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for the countless hours you spend planning, preparing, and supporting your students. Your efforts make a real difference in their lives and our community. I am grateful and look forward to continuing to work together to provide the best education possible for our students.

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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming School Board Meetings:

- January 9th @ 6:00p
- January 23rd @ 6:00p
- February 7th @ 6:00p

Negotiations Committee Meeting

- January 25th @ 4:30p at AEA Office

AEA School Board and Assembly Member Candidate Forums

- February 9th and 13th @ 7:00p

EdTech Camp 2023

- February 25th - 26th , all-day (Enrollment and course offerings will be shared later in January.)

SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE

I have separated this into two items: how do students make up the lost instructional time, and how will educators make up for the three non-work days?

First, making up for the lost instructional time has been decided and communicated to educators and the community. Dr. Bryantt shared in an email on December 22, 2022, the plan to make up five of the recent snow days:

1. *Add 30 minutes to the instructional day from January 30 - March 9.*
2. *Additionally, February 22 and 23 will be full instructional days in lieu of parent/teacher conference days; February 24 will be a full instructional day instead of a staff professional development day.*

Second, it has yet to be determined how educators will earn back the three non-paid days. Currently, ASD and AEA are discussing how to support students, families, and educators who have before and after-school commitments trying to minimize disruptions. Please be patient, as we hope to have a decision later this week.

All educators will be paid the contracted 182 days of whatever plan is developed.

CLASSROOM GRANT OPPORTUNITIES for AEA MEMBERS

The NEA Foundation offers grant opportunities to Members in various areas, including equity, student learning, learning and leadership, global leadership, and more. Please check out this excellent opportunity.

<https://www.neafoundation.org/educator-grants-and-fellowships/>



Grants for Educators - Teacher Grant Public Schools - NEA Foundation

NEA Foundation offers Teacher Grants for Public School Educators through global resources, learning and leadership grants, student achievement grants and a host of others.

www.neafoundation.org

Go365: SIGN UP FOR THE PEHT CHALLENGE TODAY

Walk into the 2023 Step Challenge - *flyer attached & register on the Go365 app or website. You must sign-up by the end of January 10th.*

WELLNESS is for EVERYONE, and our Wellness Discount from the Public Education Health Trust is worth your time to be enrolled in Go365.

Here's to a new year filled with growth, learning, and success!

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