

15-B INSIDER

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MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

2008

INCREASE IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE/LICENSE FEES

As of January 1, 2008 the following fee increases are:

Original Application Fee

Provisional Teaching Certificate	\$160.00
Professional teaching certificate	\$160.00
School counselor license	\$160.00

Renewal Application Fee

Provisional Teaching Certificate	\$100.00
Professional Teaching Certificate	\$160.00
School Counselor license	\$160.00

To see the complete list of certificate fees and for additional information refer to the following website:

www.michigan.gov/teachercert

DROPOUTS: ONE IS TOO MANY

Michigan's dropout crisis drains \$2.5 billion from local, state and national coffers. Finding ways to fix Michigan's dropout crisis is the focus of public hearings beginning next week as part of a statewide initiative to increase the number of high school graduates to stabilize a weak economy.

The Michigan Education Association, in partnership with several other groups, is sponsoring a hearing in Traverse City on September 4, 2008. The hearing is open to the public and we need MEA members to testify at these hearings and share their experience as educational practitioners. Whether it's an alternative education teacher with new ideas about how to deliver an education to at-risk students or a custodian whose relationships with students have prevented dropouts, having our members share their stories, programs and ideas is critically important to the overall success of this project.

The findings of these hearings will be presented to political leaders and the public at the Michigan Dropout Prevention Leadership Summit on October 20, 2008 in Lansing. If you are interested in being scheduled to provide testimonies please contact the Cadillac MEA office at 231-775-6553 or 1-800-300-1162.

MEIJERS SUPPORTS OPIE BANQUET

Meijers in Cadillac helped to support the OPIE banquet by donating a \$100 gift card. They were very helpful in getting a list of fruits, beverages, etc. ready for us. We would especially like to recognize Al Blackburn at Meijer for his generosity. They helped to keep our costs down and showed that they are supporters of public education!!!



OPIE BANQUET SUCCESS!!

We had 253 people registered this year to attend our 32nd annual Outstanding Persons in Education Banquet held April 17th at the Timber Lake Lodge. This group included honorees and their families, members, superintendents, principals, board members, and special guests. Eight school districts and fourteen local associations were represented. Rosemary Carey, MEA Communications Consultant, was our special speaker. She talked about how **YOU, the Public School worker, are the real celebrities in this world!** We were thankful for the beautiful weather and wonderful turnout. The food was delicious - and, of course, the chocolate fountain was very popular again this year!

As usual, Harvey Miller did a great job as our emcee and got us out on time once again! The MEA Retired volunteers helped everything to go as planned by assisting with all kinds of tasks, including setting up, decorating, and cleaning up afterwards!! A **BIG** *thank you* to each of them! A **HUGE** *thank you* to Kathleen Kelso for organizing the banquet this year. She did a wonderful job!!! *Thank you* also to Barb Miller, Lorna Meis, Fran Okoren, and Marie Wilkerson for the wonderful job they did efficiently getting everyone registered. Homer Filley & Marty Chapo did a great job again this year making sure all the vehicles were parked in an orderly fashion – and where they were supposed to be! We also really appreciate Roger and Linda Hopkins, and Elaine Keller for all of their help before, during and after the banquet. We would also like to thank Judy Foster, Vice President of the MEA-R, & her husband, Roger, for attending at the last minute in place of Mary Christian who was unable to attend due to being in the hospital. Students from the Pine River High School National Honor Society group did a wonderful job as our “wait staff” for the evening. We also honored our MEA 15-B Scholarship recipients.

****Please check out the MEA 15B website to see pictures from the banquet!!****

BARGAINING 2008-2009

Cadillac EA
Cadillac PACE
Evert ESP (re-opener salary & ins)
Evert Transportation
Manton ESP (salary only)
McBain EA
McBain ESP
Pine River EA
Pine River ESP

UNSETTLED 07-08

Unsettled Contract 07-08 – MESICK EA
Unsettled Contract 07-08-MESICK ESP

* MARK YOUR CALENDAR*



May 26	MEA Office Closed	Memorial Day
June 16-20	Labor Relations Practicum	Mt. Pleasant
June 25	<i>Congratulations Marty, you made it a year at the Cadillac Office!!!!</i>	Saginaw Valley
July 29-31	Summer Leadership/Presidents Institute	Cadillac MEA office
Sept 15	15B Coordinating Council Meeting	

Summer Vacation

We want to wish all you well during your summer vacation. For those of you retiring, you will be missed, but we know you will be enjoying life!!! This is the final issue of the INSIDER until next school year so relax this summer, spend time with your family, and take time to smell the flowers! When you return to school in September, we will be here to welcome you back. Have a wonderful Summer!