



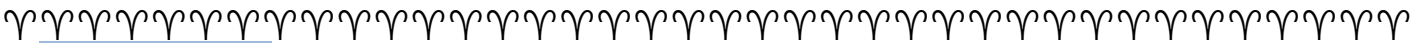
# 15-B INSIDER



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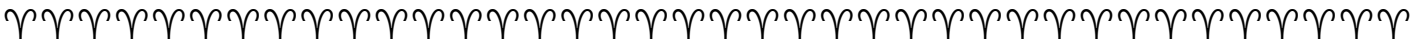
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## MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

2010



### KNOWLEDGE HAS VALUE

On March 10 MEA President Iris Salters addressed our local leaders via webinar stating "Enough is Enough" we are tired of the attacks on school employees and the legislature trying to balance the state's budget on our backs. She unveiled a three step sustained, strategic, collective action plan to stop the constant attacks on our health care, retirement and salary. In order to achieve this goal we need the help of each and every one of our 155,000 members to speak in one voice and say "enough is enough". You will be called upon to join in with your fellow union brothers and sisters in the next few months to write postcards, attend rallies and to show legislators we are united in a common goal. Your role will be simple, you just need to be there in great numbers. It's time for the sleeping giant to awake and take action. I know you are thinking what can I do they won't listen to me anyway, yes alone your voice is small but just think what will happen if 155,000 people speak in one voice. The legislators need to know we will not go quietly into the night, we will not give up without a fight, we will survive, we are proud union members! The details of when and where you will be needed will come to you by way of your leaders in the next few weeks, please make it a priority to attend every event, our future depends on it.



### CONGRATULATIONS OPIE HONOREES!!

Our annual OPIE Banquet is just one month away! Preparations are being finalized to celebrate our 34<sup>th</sup> year on April 15th. This year we will be honoring 15 individuals as Outstanding Persons in Education and 5 individuals as Friends of Education. Please congratulate the honorees in your school district for their outstanding contributions in education.

Outstanding Persons in Education – *Linda Feister, Cadillac EA; Sue Haysmer, Cadillac ESP; Tanya Erickson, Ewart EA; Tara Beach, Forest Area EA; Carol Lehman., Manton EA; Judeen Huston, Manton ESP; Marcella Bennett, Marion EA; Marjourie Clark, Marion ESP; Jill Neverth, McBain EA; Grace Dykhouse McBain ESP; Cindy Weisse-Jurik, Mesick EA; Angie Long, Mesick ESP; Michael Crosby, Pine River EA; Elaine Rockwell, Pine River ESP, and Sandy Bengelink, Cadillac PACE.*

Friends of Education – *Alison Scholten, Cadillac; Jean Miller, Marion; Heidi Heuker, McBain; Deb Robinson, Mesick; and Gary Fuller, Pine River.*

## OPIE REMINDER

Our banquet will be held on **Thursday, April 15th** at Timber Wolf Lake on M-66 in Lake City. Reservation forms are available through your local association or the MEA website at [www.mea15b.org](http://www.mea15b.org). We are continuing to hold the price at \$15.00 per person on a first come-first served basis. Reservations are limited, so get yours in early!



## 15B TO AWARD FOUR (4) SCHOLARSHIPS

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, all scholarships were reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. We had a record number submitted this year. Unfortunately we could only choose 4 students, 2 from an EA unit, and 2 from an ESP unit. The committee looks at various items such as G.P.A., ACT scores, Recommendations, Essays, etc. when determining who they will choose.

The winners will receive \$300 towards the school of their choice. The committee selected the following students: *Tyler Pullen-Cadillac* (son of Craig & Angela), *Anthony Wing-Cadillac* (son of Keith & Laurie)-, *Janelle Agren-Cadillac* (daughter of Jane & the late Jim Agren), and *Kyler Ruppert-Pine River* (son of Shawn & Lisa). All the winners are invited to attend the OPIE Banquet where they will be recognized for this award.

## UNSETTLED CONTRACTS 09-10

Marion EA  
Marion ESP



### \* MARK YOUR CALENDAR\*

March 19-20	Statewide ESP Conference, Somerset Inn, Troy
March 26	BFCL Bargaining Bootcamp, Schoolcraft College
April 2	Good Friday-MEA office closed
April 6	President's Council Meeting-MEA office
April 15	OPIE Banquet-Timberwolf Lake, Lake City
April 23	ESP Caucus Membership Meeting-Lansing
April 23	Spring Representative Assembly-Lansing
May 11-13	Statewide Staff-Frank out of the office
May 15	Annual PAC meeting-Lansing
May 17	Last Coordinating Council Meeting-MEA office

**\*Reminder due to OPIE there will be no CC meeting in April and no newsletter\***

Think

Spring!!!

