



Negotiations Survey

Our current Collective Bargaining Agreement will expire on June 30, 2011. The Executive Committee will soon start the negotiations process with the Board of Education. We need your input on your priorities for the upcoming round of negotiations. You will receive a negotiations Survey from your M.T.E.A. Building Representative on September 2 or 3, 2010. We ask that you return this survey directly to your representative on or before September 8, 2010. Surveys will be tabulated by NJEA and information gained from the surveys will be returned to the Executive Committee. We must have a minimum of an 80% return rate for valid survey results; however, we would like to hear from 100% of our members, so that we may best represent the priorities of our members during negotiations.



The Calendar

Linda Guyer, President; and Amy Johnson, 1st Vice President /Grievance Chair immediately addressed concerns regarding the 2010-2011 school calendar. The published school calendar indicates 190 days for teachers; the Collective Bargaining Agreement clearly stipulates 187 days. A grievance has been filed, and a hearing will be held on August 19, 2010. The MTEA will continue to pursue a prompt resolution to this issue.

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Parent Organizations

Please support your school by joining the parent teacher organization (PTA, PTO, or PFA) in your school. It is important to have one or two members from each building become a liaison between the parent group and the school staff by attending monthly meetings held by these groups. One or two members can be designated as school representatives, or staff may decide to attend meetings on a rotating basis.



The Great Race

The 26th Annual great Race of Middletown will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2010. Please mark your calendar and come out and support this event. One half of the funds from the Great Race directly support each of your schools. Runners, walkers and even those who just wish to watch are welcome. The M.T.E.A. has secured NJEA PRIDE funds to help sponsor this worthy event.



Changes in Special Education 2010-2011

District "Guidelines" issued for Elementary, Middle, and High School "In-Class Support" and Elementary "Core Plus More" suggest significant reductions of service than provided in previous years. It is your responsibility to contact the child's case manager if you find that a classified student is struggling in your class, so that proper supports and or strategies may be put into place.

Need To Know

Certificated staff members are guaranteed 200 minutes of Preparation Time each week. This is not time to have co-planning with grade level or subject area teachers, parent conferences, or meetings for IEP's. Your Prep Period is your time to plan, grade papers, and attend to matters that you must to prepare for your classes. This is not time that can be administratively assigned, nor can it be designated as "Collaboration Time" as specified in the contract.



Contract limitations on the secondary level daily load:

- Watch for more than three (3) different teaching preparations; anyone assigned to four (4) or more different teaching preparations MUST be relieved of his/her administrative (duty) assignment. Article 19.26a
- Watch for changes in teaching area stations. A regular classroom teacher in the Middle Schools and Senior High Schools shall not be required to change subject area teaching stations more than three (3) times in any one (1) day. Article 19.27a
- Watch for consecutive teaching period limits (no more than three (3) periods nor more than four (4) periods where double length periods are scheduled). Article 19.28a



Staff members who volunteer for positions that previously were stipend positions reduce the chance of having the position ever return to a stipend. This unfairly hurts all members.

Elementary

K-5 teachers:



The 20 extra minutes of Spanish which occurred once every six days has been eliminated due to budgetary reasons and the schedule will return to a five (5) day rotation. In March, the Superintendent and the BOE attorney met with the Association President and 1st Vice-President to discuss this, and a sidebar agreement was reached. Sign-in will now be at 8:40 a.m. each day in an attempt to give teachers some time in lieu of the lost 20 minute Prep time. Once a week, co-planning time in some of the schools has been scheduled to begin at 8:40 a.m. While we have advised the Superintendent that it is impossible to sign in at 8:40 am. and begin co-planning at 8:40 a.m., she has refused to ask the Principals change the schedule. The Association will meet the Superintendent on October 4, to discuss how this has affected the K-5 teachers. Please keep your head building Rep apprised of any issues with this schedule. Remember that you have certain contractual obligations to meet.



If you volunteer to play a volleyball or basketball game after school hours and you are injured, you are not covered.



Your own personal property is not protected on school grounds; this includes your car.

We have relocated ..update your database

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