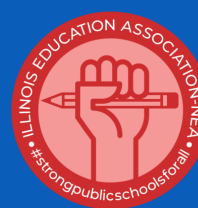
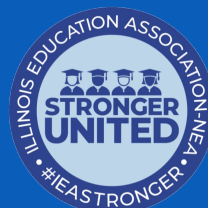


MOBLEY'S MONDAY MESSAGE

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SEA Special Elections

Happy Labor Day, SEA! Hope you are enjoying this extended weekend and maybe took in a festival or two! Thanks to the educators and members who volunteered at the Septemberfest this weekend: Cynthia Dressler, Maggie Joyce, Carolyn Kraft, Keith Lange, Eric Palanck, and Kara Zielinski. It's always nice helping out our District 54 Education Foundation!

It's that time of year in which the SEA sends out information about special building representative elections to our members. Each building is allocated a certain number of building reps based on their SEA membership. The following buildings have open positions and are eligible to hold a special election this fall:

(**1** **2** Number of Open Positions)

1 Addams

2 Aldrin

2 Armstrong

1 Blackwell

1 Collins

1 Dirksen

1 Dooley

2 Einstein

1 Eisenhower

1 Enders-Salk

1 Fairview

1 Fox

1 Frost

2 Hanover Highlands

2 Hoover

2 Keller

1 Lincoln Prairie

1 MacArthur

1 Mead

2 Muir

2 Nerge

2 RAC

2 Stevenson



*If your building is not listed, there are no openings at this time.

If you would like to fill one of the open building representative positions in your building, please complete the attached [Building Representative Nomination Form](#) and submit it to SEA Elections Chair Kelly O'Reilly at the Rafferty Administration Center (RAC) no later than 4:00 PM on September 23, 2022. Nomination forms may be submitted electronically or through interoffice mail.

Considering becoming a building representative for your building? I invite you to attend our SEA/SEEO Building Representative training that will be taking place next Monday, September 12, from 3:45-5:45 PM in the PLC. Contact me for more information or to RSVP to our training. Dinner will be provided for your time spent training with us.

What can we celebrate this week?

- **Labor Day:** Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Thank you for the work you do as an educator! You are appreciated!

Important Info from the SEA

Be Sure to take just a few minutes out of your busy schedule just to look over the information sent to you each Monday from the SEA!



School Board Relations Team: We still have a handful of openings for the 2022-2023 School Board Relations Team. Members of the SEA and SEEO meet with assigned members of District 54's Board of Education during the school year. Our team of SEA and SEEO members meet once in-person on a Wednesday from 4:30-6 PM during the months of September, November, January, March, and May. Then, teams of 3-4 meet with their assigned board member on a mutually agreed upon date and time once during the months of October, December, February, and April. Our team engages in conversations with our School Board regarding issues that impact our District 54 Community. If you would like to join our team, [please fill out an application by Wednesday, September 7.](#)



SCORE Grants available through the IEA: The Illinois Education Association announces the availability of [SCORE \(Schools and Community Outreach by Educators\) Grants](#). All IEA members are encouraged to apply. Grants for up to \$1,000 are available for IEA members and their local associations to collaborate and create opportunities for community service or school projects. Last year, SEA was fortunate to have two of our very own (Lucrecia Temoczuk & Jacquie Colon) apply and receive a SCORE grant for Link School. Because of this grant, Link School now has two mobile libraries for its ELL students to take home during breaks to foster reading. To apply for a grant, visit [IEA's Score Grant website](#). Application due date is January 15, 2023.



Teacher Leadership Pathways Program: Do you consider yourself an emerging leader? Illinois Education Association's Opportunity Coalition is partnering with Northwestern University to offer an all-virtual Pilot Teacher Leadership Cohort that will meet four times this school year. [For more information click here.](#) You can apply to receive FULL FUNDING through the SEA and Region 35 by [filling out this conference pre-approval request.](#) If we have a cohort that forms from D54, they are willing to lower the price for us, so don't apply yet. **They will create a special registration for us to reflect a discounted price.** [Fill out this form for the SEA to show your interest, so we can determine what the cost will be for your enrollment.](#)



The Workers' Rights Amendment is on the ballot this November. The Worker's Rights Amendment ensures we have a strong voice at work and protects our "right to organize and bargain collectively" for "wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work."

[Why support the Workers' Rights Amendment?](#)

1. The Worker's Rights Amendment will solidify our right to unionize and bargain by preserving it in the state constitution.
2. Collective bargaining strengthens the economy, helps working families get ahead and lessens racial and socioeconomic inequality.
3. A majority of Americans support the rights for workers to unionize.



Join the fight!

#SEAourMembers



**Michelle Meyers, Interventionist at Einstein,
20 years in the District **SEA's New Treasurer!****

"School was a world of riches to me, a place of affirmation and hope for a bright future. I became a teacher because I had moments in my life where teachers helped me in ways outside of the curriculum, and I wanted to help guide children the way some of my teachers helped me."

Membership Opportunities

- **NOT A MEMBER YET?** We welcome you to join the Schaumburg Education Association! Feel free to reach out to your building reps for more information about membership privileges. [Join NEA/IEA/SEA today!](#) Any questions about the registration process, reach out to **Sue Hindenburg** (Membership Chair, Fox School) Hindenburg4453@icloud.com. Dues deductions do not begin until October.
- **TAKE ACTION ON ISSUES IMPACTING EDUCATORS** Gun violence prevention? LGBTQ+ Rights? COVID-19? Racial and Social Justice? Special Education? These are all topics that impact us as educators. You can make your voice heard by visiting [NEA's Action Center](#). Make a difference today and take action now.
- **TRS INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:** TRS will host statewide Benefit Information Meetings and webinars for active TRS members from September through early November that are designed to explain the TRS benefit structure, including retirement, disability and death benefits. The retirement process, health insurance benefits and post-retirement employment will also be discussed. TRS is offering both in-person and virtual meetings this year. Registration is not required for the in person meetings but is REQUIRED for the virtual meetings. [In-person and virtual meeting schedule.](#)

Important Dates and INFORMATION

- ☐ **Monday, September 5:** Labor Day - No School
- ☐ **Monday, September 12:** Building Rep Training for the SEA & SEEO, 3:45-5:45 PM in the PLC
- ☐ **Wednesday, September 21:** Half-Day Inservice
- ☐ **Monday, September 19:** First Building Rep Meeting of the Year, 3:30-5:00 PM in the PLC, all members are welcome to attend!

Don't forget to wear #RedForEd on Wednesdays! SEA Spirit Wear Coming Soon!



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