



Legislative Breakfast - Saturday, April 26

Milwaukee legislators have been invited to meet with educators at the MTEA's Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, April 26. We plan to have roundtable discussions that will enable members to explain what should be done to improve the lives of educators and the students and families we serve. It's a great opportunity to hear from legislators.

Sign Up to Speak Up

The breakfast buffet/registration will start at 8:00 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends by 11:30 a.m. The event is being held at the Radisson Hotel, 2303 North Mayfair Road.

To pre-register, please go to mtea.org (Events) or call us at 259-1990. The sign-up deadline is Wednesday, April 23.

Patience Please!

If you did not receive the correct teacher vacancy pay for the first semester, be assured that Cheryl Barczak of the MTEA staff has provided MPS with all of the details you've given to her. She has also pressed the district to issue correction checks as soon as possible.

MPS is still working on some of these questions as we continue to vigorously pursue resolution for each case.

MTEA Legislative Priorities

Noted below are a number of MTEA-specific priorities. While each item falls neatly under the umbrella of the WEAC Legislative Agenda, these issues have particular significance for Milwaukee, and therefore are stated explicitly.

In brief, MTEA priorities for the 2009-2010 legislative session are:

1. Comprehensive school finance reform will address the following topics, focusing on the extra cost to provide services to children living in poverty and those needing bilingual and special education services:
 - a. Repeal of revenue caps
 - b. SAGE funding
 - c. Special education aid
 - d. Bilingual/Bicultural aid
 - e. Certified specialists in every school
2. Prohibition of residency requirements for education employees
3. Mandatory K5
4. Collective bargaining rights, with an emphasis on:
 - a. Repeal of the QEO
 - b. Preparation time as a mandatory subject of bargaining
5. Voucher accountability
6. Recognition and support for the professionalism of teachers and education employees
 - a. Categorical aid funding for implementation of PI 34, the new system for teacher preparation and licensure. Funding for mentoring programs should be devoted to effective mentoring models.
 - b. Strengthen the charter license law to require that teachers are licensed in the subject they teach.
 - c. Create a loan forgiveness program for teaching certain subjects in high-poverty districts

Twelfth Annual MPS Employee/Retiree Tailgate Party and Brewer Game

Name _____ School _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Please attach your check, **made payable to Sue Dean**, and note how many packages (or tailgates-only) you are purchasing:

____ Tailgate/Loge Bleachers (\$20)

____ Tailgate/Terrace Box (\$20.50)

____ Tailgate ONLY (\$11) **Send form and check to Sue Dean at Marshall High by April 25.**

(No game tickets are available without tailgate participation.)