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## School Board Members - Home Contact Data

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53210

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53216

**Terry Falk** (Dist. #8)  
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53207

**Larry Miller** (Dist. #5)  
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2584 N Farwell Ave  
53211

**Tim Petersons** (Dist. #1)  
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12023 W Rio St  
53225

**Jeff Spence** (Dist. #2)  
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3180 N Colonial Dr  
53222

**Bruce Thompson** (At-Large)  
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2837 N Marietta Ave  
53211

**David Voeltner** (Dist. #7)  
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53219

**Annie Woodward** (Dist. #4)  
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53205

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## MPS Laying Off 149 EAs

On June 24, the district mailed layoff notices to 149 general education assistants. The layoff is set to start on August 31.

It's incredible that even one district employee is being laid off as MPS is receiving millions in federal stimulus funds. The intent of the stimulus law is to create jobs and prevent layoffs - especially in public schools.

### Formal Protests Already From Union Leaders

MTEA Executive Director Tom Morgan, MEAA President Tommie Lee Glenn, and MTEA President Mike Langyel have each sent letters to MPS leaders asking them to rescind the EA layoff. These strong, written protests are valuable first steps. But it's equally important that EAs explain their situations, school and family, directly to board members.

### Call Your School Board Member Today!

The most effective conversation is your phone call to the board member you vote for - the one who represents your school board district.

For your quick reference, the home phone numbers of all nine board members are provided on the left, listed in alphabetical order (with their geographic district number). Their street addresses and zip codes are also listed if you wish to write to your board member.

### Not Sure of Your District/Board Member?

To find out who represents you on the board, go to [mtea.org](http://mtea.org) (Resources>Legislative>Find Out Who Represents You).

In three districts, the board member changed after this April's election. The updates below were not on the city's Web site, as of July 20.

- ◆ **Annie Woodward** - District 4 (Replaced Charlene Hardin)
- ◆ **Larry Miller** - District 5 (Replaced Jennifer Morales)
- ◆ **David Voeltner** - District 7 (Replaced Danny Goldberg)

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## School Calendars for 2009-10

The school board is implementing three calendars - traditional school year, year-round, and IB high schools - without concluding negotiations with your union. For details on each calendar, please go to [mtea.org](http://mtea.org).

- ◆ If you are in **traditional** year school, you start on Monday, **August 31**, organization day, and students start on Tuesday, **September 1**.
  - ◆ If you are in a **year-round** school, you start with an organization day on Friday, **July 31**, and students start on Monday, **August 4**.
  - ◆ EAs at two IB high schools, **King and Reagan**, will start on organization day, Friday, **August 14**. Students start on Monday, **August 17**.
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## MTEA Staff Vacancy

There is a vacant assistant executive director position on your union's full-time professional staff. Political action, lobbying, and organizing are three major areas of responsibility for this position.

The job description, hiring requirements, and selection criteria are posted at [mtea.org](http://mtea.org). The closing date for applications is **August 21**.

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### Less Paper But More Information, Sooner

We are transitioning to more e-mail and Web communications - saving paper & postage costs.

Saving your union dues money isn't the main reason for the change. Communicating more information, targeting your needs and interests, and **reaching you much faster** are essential to your union's effectiveness.

### Calendar Example

If you had signed up to receive Team-Mate via e-mail, you would have received the news on MPS implementing the calendars on July 21.

### Sign Up Today

To receive Team-Mate via e-mail, go to [mtea.org](http://mtea.org) and click on the "Newsletters" link. Subscribing is quick and easy.

### Member Options Continue

As your union's communications evolve, we will continue to accommodate members without Internet access - but in less costly ways.

For example, in the past we printed and mailed a Laborfest sign-up form to over 11,000 members (including retirees) with a return envelope.

Today's Team-Mate invites you to sign up for Laborfest online. But if you can't (or prefer not to), please call us at 259-1990.

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## PHA & Voluntary Programs = Good Health and \$\$\$ (Tax Free)

"GoodHealth" is our shorthand name for the MPS Learn Good Health, Live Good Health program that began on July 1, 2007. GoodHealth is a comprehensive wellness and health education program, which helps members and their families maintain good health, prevent serious illnesses, and manage chronic diseases.

Your union negotiators initiated this joint program as a long-term way to maintain the health care MTEA members (including retirees) need.

### Exceptional Initial Success

The first 18 months of the GoodHealth program exceeded expectations. Here are a few of the numbers:

- ◆MPS saved nearly \$1 million, despite substantial start-up costs.
- ◆6,300 MTEA members shared in these savings - \$74.55 each tax free - by completing the personal health assessment (PHA).
- ◆Nearly 1,000 MTEA members received \$200 tax free, by completing the PHA and voluntary programs.
- ◆Despite a 9.6% increase in the national medical inflation rate, the MPS Aetna plan premium increased just 5.5% for 2009-10.

### Avoiding a Penalty and Earning Incentives in 2009

If you and your spouse complete the PHA by December 15, 2009, you'll avoid the penalty for not completing the annual PHA - \$200 for 2008.

In addition, if you complete your choice of voluntary programs, you will earn \$250 **tax free** and a share in the district's savings, which could be a few hundred dollars or more.

### Start Now to Complete Voluntary Programs

Many voluntary internet-based programs take six weeks to complete. To earn the financial incentives by completing three programs takes 18 weeks. There are only 19 weeks between August 1 and December 11. ***You cannot earn the \$250 incentive unless you start now!***

To access information on taking the PHA and the voluntary "Healthy Living" programs, go to [mtea.org](http://mtea.org) and click on the "Take the PHA" link.

Be sure to print and retain your confirmation number if you and your spouse take the PHA online. If you send the paper version, be certain to retain the results mailed to your home.

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## Join the Fun on Labor Day

The Milwaukee County Labor Council's Laborfest is an opportunity to show our union pride and solidarity, as we celebrate the day with family and friends. Labor Day is late this year, September 7.

The day kicks off with a parade of union members from downtown to the lakefront. The parade leaves Zeidler Union Square Park at 11:00 a.m. and ends at the Summerfest grounds, the site of Laborfest.

MTEA members who join our union's group for the parade receive an MTEA T-shirt and food/beverage coupons for Laborfest. To join the parade, please sign up at [mtea.org](http://mtea.org) (Events) by **August 21**. We'll contact you with the details on where and when to meet, parking, etc.