

From: MEA Bargaining Team
To: All MEA Members
Re: Update on Contractual Issues

November 11th, 2011

Wellness

Members have been contacting Molly with some concerns about the SimplyWell Health Screenings. These concerns are primarily about comments that were made either at the screening or by a nurse that called with results. Molly has already reported these concerns to Elise at SimplyWell. If you attend a screening or receive a call from a nurse and have a concern, please do not hesitate to email or call Molly. We are hopeful that we will continue to work with SimplyWell to get these issues resolved.

Molly will be meeting with the Wellness Committee to review the results of the homework that was given to the Wellness Champions. The district is hopeful that this will give us an indication of what wellness could look like next year. This meeting will take place on Friday, November 11th. In addition, MEA has sent out a survey to gauge how our members are feeling about wellness. The team will be using this information as we move forward in the bargaining process.

Collective Bargaining

Bargaining for the 2012-2013 school year is in full swing. The wellness survey was sent on Tuesday, November 8th. The MEA Bargaining Team will be meeting on Tuesday, November 15th to review the survey results and set some early goals for wellness. The first meeting with the district will take place on Tuesday, November 22nd. The bargaining team will send out an update with the survey results and goals along with a summary of the first meeting with the district before we are out for Thanksgiving Break.

VSP Article

Concerned members contacted Molly about the VSP article that was in the OWH over the weekend. VSP is part of our collective bargaining agreement and is a benefit to our teachers. At the school board meeting on Monday, both Dr. Lutz and many school board members spoke in support of our current system. Everyone who spoke in favor said that the article was untrue. They agree that VSP does save the district money and it is indeed a benefit to the staff of Millard.

Reminders

The Wellness Survey was sent on Tuesday, November 8th. We are asking that you complete this by Monday, November 14th at 8:00am.

If you live in the Millard School District the Bond Issue votes are due by November 15th. This means the ballot has to be in the Douglas County Commissioner Office by 5:00 on Tuesday. Therefore, your ballot needs to be in the mail by Saturday or you need to hand deliver it to the Commissioner's Office.

If you are registering for spring classes be sure to apply for the MEA Scholarship. We award \$500 to four (4) MEA Members each semester. Click on the link below for the application.

<http://www.millardmea.org/media/MEATeacherScholarship1112.pdf>