

Akron Association of Classified Personnel

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Dear AACP Family:

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know how much we miss meeting together as a union during this time of battling the Coronavirus.

Someone once said, "You don't know what you have until it's gone." Of course, the union is not "gone" in a literal sense, but not meeting together sure does make me appreciate what we had! Yet, the thing that keeps me going is the realization that this is not a situation that will last forever. There is such an odd feeling walking through the various empty offices in the schools and at administration. It's all very quiet now.

While all of us might honestly say that our patience is wearing a bit thin, I would encourage you to keep your confidence as you navigate these uncertain times. Use

these days to draw close to your loved ones.

I would like to encourage you to sign up for the Leadership Conferences that are being held this summer. It is all virtual training. More information regarding these conferences is in this newsletter.

I have asked Human Resources to continue to work on filling the open positions that we have. Interviewing has resumed. Our negotiations team is going back to the table. Hopefully, we will hear some positive news soon.

If there is anything we can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Rhonda Ferguson, AACP President

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NEOEA Leadership

The North Eastern Ohio Education Association is offering several virtual training opportunities this summer. Click on the links below for more information.

- NEA Annual Representative Assembly (<https://ra.nea.org/>) – July 2-3
- NEOEA's Summer Leadership Conference (<https://neoea.org/SLC/>) – July 22-23

In addition, NEOEA is always looking for new faces and engaged members to join one of its committees. If you are not yet a committee member, **please check out information on the opportunities available** (<https://www.neoea.org/CommitteeVolunteerForm.pdf>)!

PLEASE NOTE: If you decide to sign up for any of these training opportunities or committees, please let Rhonda Ferguson know. Thank you!



Welcome, New Members

AACP welcomes with warmth our newest members:

- Patricia Russell, Account Clerk (Teaching & Learning)
- Jeff Kozlowski, Account Clerk (Teaching & Learning)

Message of Sympathy

In such uncertain times, we are certain to support and remember our AACP members as well as the families extending from them.

Thoughts, sympathy and condolences to: Mary Spak and family for the loss of Daniel Spak, her husband, a father and a friend; and also to Michele Gargalianos whose father passed away.



Have a Great Summer!

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The warmest season is here and not a moment too soon. This is just what the doctor ordered!

Anniversaries & Retirements

You've traveled a journey of many years, and now you stand as a valuable asset to all who you accompany. Thank you for your dedication to Akron Public Schools' Board of Education and your membership with AACP.

Happy 25th Anniversary!

- Merge Freeman, since 2/6/95 (Business Affairs)
- Denise Cook, since 3/30/95 (Transportation)
- Martha Shaughnessy, since 8/21/95 (Litchfield CLC)
- Sue Pezzotti, since 9/11/95 (Hyre CLC)
- Judy Ramsier, since 11/6/95 (Firestone CLC)

Best Wishes, Retiring Members!

- Rhonda Black, February 2020
- Dolores Busch, March 2020
- Linda Strebler, April 2020

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NEA Member Benefits

The Choice is Yours!

Member Exclusive—choose from a \$200 Amazon.com Gift Card or a \$200 Cash Rewards Bonus.

One size does not fit all, especially when it comes to your credit card. That's why in addition to choosing your 3% cash back category with the NEA® Cash Rewards Visa Signature® credit card, you're receiving this exclusive offer to choose your bonus offer, too!

3% Cash Back Category

Choose one of these six popular choice categories: gas, online shopping, dining, travel, drug stores or home improvement. Change it once each calendar month, or set and forget—it's up to you!

Bonus Option #1 \$200 Amazon.com Gift Card Offer

As an NEA member, you're eligible for an exclusive \$200 Amazon.com Gift Card Bonus after you make at least \$500 in purchases within the first 90 days of account opening (students not eligible).

Terms and conditions: <https://www.applyonlinenow.com/USCCapp/Ctl/entry?sc=NAABGM&pid=dppf&poc=5P>

For more information, visit <https://www.neamb.com/>.

Bonus Option #2 \$200 Cash Rewards Offer

Or do you simply prefer cash? Choose this bonus offer and get a \$200 cash rewards bonus after making at least \$500 in purchases in the first 90 days of account opening.

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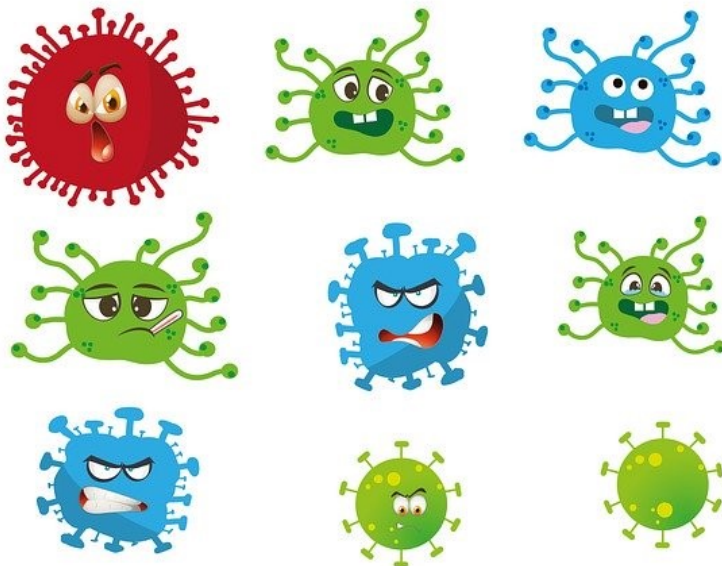
Local Leaders:

Jordan Pennell is the Northeast Ohio Regional Representative for U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown. He has reached out asking that we share his contact information with local leaders in the area. Sen. Brown is a true ally of labor and advocate for our public schools. Jordan is looking to build relationships with local leaders, and get a sense of how our schools are coping with COVID, as well as to know of concerns or challenges that the office can help with.



Please feel free to reach out to him. His contact information is below:

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**Stay Home,
Stay Safe,
Stay Well!
We're All In
This
Together!**