



# THE VOICE

FOR ISD622 EDUCATORS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Last week, I forwarded you a pension update from Education Minnesota. If you have not yet signed up to receive those updates via email when they are sent out, please do so as soon as possible. We had so many members engaged and motivated last year when pension talks were swirling. Let's not lose this engagement! There is a pension rally on February 29th at the Capitol Rotunda. If you attend, take some pictures of yourself and colleagues and we can post them on our website! Also, thank you to everybody who volunteered at the North St. Paul Food Shelf in January. Attached are pictures.

Together,

Tim Kappes

### Community Service Projects

February is donations to the 622 Education Foundation. If you would like to donate please give your cash or check (NSPMOEA) to your building rep by Monday, February 5th.

In January members worked at the North St. Paul Food Shelf.



### Important

#### Phone Numbers

*\*Tim Kappes (President)*

Cell: 701-640-3177

*\*Jody Murphy (Vice President)*

Cell: 651-353-2554

*\*Katie Semmerling (Treasurer)*

Cell: 715-897-2221

*\*Mary Glagavs (Secretary)*

School: 651-748-6876

Cell: 651-249-6292

*\*Katrina Geske (Membership)*

Cell: 715-456-8920

*\*Jill Mueke (Membership)*

Cell: 612-515-5686

### **Member Rights**

*\*Tim Kappes (Chair)*

Cell: 701-640-3177

*\*Kent Gordon (High School)*

School: 651-702-8685

*\*Janene Lenard (Elementary and Middle)*

Cell: 612-741-8508

*\*Annie Hodges (Special Education)*

Cell: 952-250-6637

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### Executive Board Meeting

You're invited!  
**Monday, Feb. 5 2024**  
4:15 p.m.

North St. Paul Legion

2678 7th Ave E

North St. Paul



## Contract Corner

### Spring is the Time to Renew Your License

Did you mean to renew your teaching license this school year? There's not much time left. Not sure of when your license expires? Find out at <https://public.education.mn.gov/LicenseLookup/educator>

Keep your credit hours up to date and renew your license as soon as possible. You may complete the renewal paperwork at <http://nspmoea.org/> as early as the fall of the year before your license expires. That means if your license expires in 2024 you may do this now, and this **must** be done before one of the remaining 2024 relicensure committee meetings: March 21, April 24, May 30. Once the relicensure committee approves your application you must submit payment to the State of Minnesota.

The stakes are extremely high if your license is not fully approved on time. The language quoted below is from the contract, and it means that you could lose pay or lose your job:

"Failure to have a fully approved license identified by the Department of Education website by the first duty day will result in the teacher being placed on an unpaid leave of absence until such time they obtain a fully approved license by the Department of Education.

Failure by the teacher to obtain a fully approved license by the Minnesota Department of Education within 90 days of the license expiration date shall be considered as deemed to have resigned and the employment of the teacher shall be terminated."

To learn more about the license renewal process go to <http://nspmoea.org/>. If you have questions after you have read the license renewal instructions please contact Relicensure Committee Chairperson George Bruehl at 651-748-6336 or [gbruehl@isd622.org](mailto:gbruehl@isd622.org).

## No cost member benefit

### Identity theft recovery plan

- No cost recovery plan for active members, paid for by ESI.
- Upgrade to family coverage for as little as \$3/month.

Other members including retired, students, substitutes and more can purchase plans at negotiated discount rates.

Call 612-238-0340

Toll-free: 877-833-9041

Or log into ED MN and click on the link.

### Mandates to Renew Your Teaching License

If you are wondering what the mandates are to renew your license or are in need of hours to fulfill your requirements, our district offers classes. Just click on the link and you will find the mandates and courses. Ed Minnesota also offers courses for free for members.

[622 classes for mandates](#)

## Volunteering at the North St. Paul Food



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bereg  
If so, email  
[mglagavs@isd622.org](mailto:mglagavs@isd622.org)  
to claim your \$10 prize!!