

# THE VOICE

FOR ISD622 EDUCATORS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Colleagues,

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! You NEVER get told this enough.....THANK YOU for all you do for 622 students!!! We are coming down the home stretch! I am hoping everybody has a great last month of school. I would like to recognize those educators who retired earlier this school year and those that are retiring at the end of this year: Lise Anderson, Jim Boyle, Susan Roessler, Lori Forkner and Kenneth Balfanz. Thank you for all of your years of service to our students and District 622. You will be missed! I also want to wish the best for any teacher who is leaving our district, for whatever the reason may be. Stay positive, and finish this last month out strong! Best of luck to you all in your future endeavors!

Together,  
Tim Kappes

### Community Service

For our May Service Project we will be helping out at Feed My Starving Children on Monday, June 6, 2022 from 9-10:45 at the Eagan location. We will send out the sign-up link again soon!



From the Education Minnesota Representative Convention.

### Important

#### Phone Numbers

\*Tim Kappes (President)

Cell: 701-640-3177

\*Jana Hedlund (Vice President)

School: 651-748-6074

\*Jody Murphy (Treasurer)

School: 651-748-6669

Cell: 651-353-2554

\*Mary Glagavs (Secretary)

School: 651-748-6876

Cell: 651-249-6292

\*Katrina Geske (Membership)

Cell: 715-456-8920

### **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

School: 651-702-8088

\*Annie Hodges (Special Education)

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### Executive Board Meeting

You're invited!  
Monday, May 2, 2022  
4:15 p.m.

North St. Paul Legion  
2678 7th Ave E  
North St. Paul

### Relicensure Information

The final relicensure committee meeting is May 18, 2022.

Contact George Bruehl at 651-748-6336. Don't wait you could lose money!

## Contract Corner

### Nearing the End of the Year

Many of you will be doing a lot of packing as this year comes to a close. Here are a few things to keep in mind...

**If you are leaving the district:** Print off a copy of MyLearningPlan so you have all your CEUs. Go through all books and materials and make two distinct and separate piles; one stack for personal items and the other for items belonging to the district. If you aren't quite sure ... error on the side of the district. For example, if you wrote curriculum during a summer, but you were paid curriculum rate to produce it, it belongs to the district. That doesn't mean you can't take a copy to use. Next, take the time to clean out cupboards and storage areas. There is nothing worse than moving into a classroom and it's full of someone else's old materials. Do not keep materials from those teachers who came before you. When you leave that classroom be proud of how you left it.

**If you are staying in the district:** Scan any workshop certificates you have into MyLearningPlan. Take advantage of any extra time you may have and clean out your cupboards. With construction happening in many buildings, you may have to totally pack up your entire classroom. Be sure to label your boxes as per the district guidelines. [622 Packing & Moving Guidelines](#) Do not feel guilty about tossing those unused items inherited from teachers who came before you. Label all furniture with your room number. If you will have construction in your room or are moving rooms or buildings, take all personal items with you. The district will not move these for you.

**Everyone:** Take care of yourself! It's been another year like no other. Go celebrate and have a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating summer!

### Member Spotlight

Jasman Myers, who is a special education teacher at Tartan, was elected to one of Minnesota's three delegated position on the NEA Board of Directors. As NEA Director, Jasman will also sit on the Education Minnesota Governing Board. Way to go Jasman! Thanks so much for serving on the board!

## History of Teacher Appreciation Week

Teaching is one of the oldest professions – in 561BC, the first private teacher in history was one of the most learned men of all time, Confucius. In Ancient Greece, there was huge value placed on educating children, and in the 1600s the Pilgrims also placed a similar emphasis on the practice. By the 19th century, politicians began to believe that education was needed for political order, and elementary through college education was widespread and public, and the need for teachers has been growing ever since! Though the origins of Teacher Appreciation Week are somewhat murky, it's clear that it was in 1944 that an Arkansas school teacher, Mattye White Woodridge, wrote to politicians and educational professionals about the demand for a day to appreciate teachers. However, it wasn't for nearly a decade until the idea was introduced to Congress by none other than Eleanor Roosevelt. In 1953, she was successful in convincing lawmakers to adopt the day. After the National Education Association (NEA) and Kansas and Indiana state affiliates lobbied Congress again to create National Teacher Day on March 7, 1980, they continued to observe it yearly even though Congress did not. They did this until 1985 when the Assembly transformed the single day into the first full week of May. Teacher Appreciation Day is described by the NEA, which spearheads the weeklong event, as "a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives."

  
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