



Cleveland Teachers Union

News & Notes

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NEWS & NOTES

News & Notes is a weekly (that's the goal) publication that has been ongoing since August 2014. It is available on the CTU website and through Member Mobilization emails. This is an update of the work that is being done on behalf of all of our teachers, paraprofessionals, psychologists, nurses, speech language pathologists, therapists, sign language interpreters, and social workers. Please make sure that your Chapter Chair has your email address so that the News & Notes can reach you.

CTU NEGOTIATIONS SURVEY

Have you given your initial input to the CTU Negotiations Committee yet? The committee is looking for your input. Please see the email that was sent on September 15 from the CTU. The last day to complete this survey is Sunday, September 27.

Members that did not receive this email will need to contact the CTU with their personal email so that they can be added to the list to receive the survey. Members that did not receive this email will need to send an email with their name, school or department, job classification, and personal email address at: yolanda@ctu279.org. This initial survey is for all CTU members. Future surveys will be broken down by chapter (paraprofessional, related service provider, teacher, substitute, etc.). To protect the integrity of this survey by ensuring that only members of the CTU are able to take this survey – this link cannot be forwarded and each member will only be able to take the survey one time. Thank you in advance for your time and input as we prepare for a successful contract negotiation. Your voice matters to help us bring back a contract that is fair for all members and allows us all to do our jobs the way we know is best for our schools and our students.

BATTELLE PORTAL COMPENSATION

The Battelle portal has been reopened for anyone that still needs to confirm data for the Cleveland Differentiated Compensation System (CDCS). Please login and verify your information by noon on Monday, September 18. By logging in and verifying, you help ensure that all of your data is accurate.

The portal is open for teachers and related service providers to verify their number of ACs, attendance above 95% (for \$280 bonus), etc. This is each member's chance to verify the accuracy of the data.

Please use this

link <https://www.battelleforkids.org/login-portal?ssl=true> to go to the access prompt.

After logging in you will see a display page that will show what awards you have earned in addition to your base salary.

Go to My Awards, click on the dollar amount on the "Award Amount" line and see a detailed description of ACs and bonuses.

If you can't remember your password or you are new to the BFK-Ohio portal, click on the "Forgot Password?" link, and an e-mail with a code will be sent to the username e-mail address in order to establish a password.

Please follow the instructions in the e-mail for additional guidance. The CMSD Help Desk does not manage these passwords. Please use the link above instead.

Should you experience any problems in accessing the portal and/or reviewing your data please email the Battelle staff (there is a link in the portal). If you feel the information is incorrect please email Compensation@clevelandmetroschools.org.

OVERAGES

Overage forms are in the building and are with either your principal or secretary. Forms are to be sent to payroll by September 25. No teacher should be asked to copy IEPs nor should any teacher copy IEPs for proof of students. Directions and what is needed for documentation is on the forms and is clearly indicated – and it is not IEPs.

3RD GRADE GUARANTEE

This email was sent via CMSD email on Monday regarding AIMSweb. Just in case you did not see it, I am reprinting here.

We are still working with Pearson to update AIMSWeb and correct the errors in the system. At this time, we are still requesting that no users access the system for any

reason because any system changes can compromise the validity of the data collection process. You will receive an email indicating that the system is open once all issues have been resolved. All passwords will also be reset at that time.

Because of the system problems, we have decided to extend the assessment window adding one additional week. All AIMSWeb fall benchmark assessments must be completed and entered into the system by October 3, 2015 . Remember, you may still complete the assessment using the paper and pencil method if you choose. Updates will be sent out through Curriculum and Instruction as well as CAO updates and email.

Please do not have parents sign off on RIMPS because RIMPS must be created once the NWEA assessment window is closed. At this time, you will receive information regarding the changes in SchoolNET around the RIMP development process as well as new signature pages. Remember that when parents sign the signature page, they must be informed of the entire RIMP (student cut score, identified deficit in reading, intervention designed (with strategies described), schedule of intervention to be received (amount of time/days per week) as well as progress monitoring information). Be sure to share the on-going progress with the parents also. Again, watch for updates regarding this process. They will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Thanks for your understanding!

FALL STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS

If your building interviewed candidates this week for open positions - Friday, September 25 at 4:30 is the due date for all paperwork from the Personnel Selection Committee. Additionally, all email acceptances of positions must also be received by HR by 4:30 on the 25th. Anyone that is an NT that was not selected or did not interview will be assigned on Monday, September 28 by HR. September 29 is pack day and September 30 is move to new school day. All new assignments start on October 1.

PACK & MOVE DAYS

Teachers (and paraprofessionals) being transferred for any reason from one building to another during the school year shall receive 1 day (with no pupils) to pack up in their old assignment and shall receive 1 day (with no pupils) in the new building in order to become organized. Teachers whose assignment has changed within the building during the school year, which requires a grade level or classroom move or change, shall receive 1 day with no pupils to pack and unpack for the new assignment.

TEXT ALERTS

A text service is available for members of the CTU. You can sign up right now to receive mobile text message alerts from AFT-Cleveland Teachers Union. You will receive updates, notices, and reminders. Get your phone out right now and send a text message with the word ctu279 (lowercase, no spaces) in your message box. Send to the phone number 69238. AFT-CTU will never charge you for text messages, your carrier's Message & Data rates may apply.