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Happy New Year to Everyone:

As an important reminder, please activate and check your WPS email account for relevant information each week. A perfect example is this important notice:

June 2019 will mark the fifth major Professional license renewal cycle since DESE's very first five-year cycle back on June 17, 1999. Given the large number of educators who earned a license in June 1999, it is expected that some 25,000 veteran educators across the Commonwealth will need to renew one or more Professional level license(s) by June 16, 2019.

Districts will receive a reminder about licensure renewal requirements, and several resources are available online, including:

- License Renewal Guidelines: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/academic-prek12/guidelines-recert-ma-educators.pdf>,
- Guidelines for Reviewing, Approving and Endorsing Individual Professional Development Plans: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/pd/o1guideline/default.html> ,
- Renewal Regulations: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr44.html>, and

Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/licensure/faq-glossary/advance-extend-renew-license.html>.

Yours in solidarity,
Roger

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Executive Secretary Report/10 Minute Meeting Talking Points



Bid List: The next Bid List is expected to be out just prior to February break! Please watch your email! If you are having problems accessing the bid list, please let us know ASAP.

SPED ISSUES: A number of issues have come up during school visits around special education. A member proposed a breakout session at this week's House meeting to discuss the issues districtwide. There will be an update, and if you have a story or an interest, please be in touch.

Professional Teacher Status Training: As some of you know, Ashley Adams (MTA) has been to Worcester to run trainings in some of the buildings on professional status. He has offered to train EAW members to run these training for members. If you are interested in being an EAW trainer for fellow members in need of more information on PTS, please be in touch. Ashley has assured us that the training is quick and fun!

Loan Forgiveness: Again, the building visits found members requesting information on loan forgiveness. There will be a specialist here at the EAW on February 26th at 4:00pm to work with members on this. All newer members (5) years or less have been e-mailed the flyer. Feel free to extend to all. Extra copies will be available at the meeting. This event is on the EAW Facebook, Twitter and website.

ALL IN GRANT: EAW has received approval for over \$25,000 of grant reimbursement for member-driven actions in our union. These funds can be used for activities that increase member-to-member contact, support work around issues in our buildings, improve relationships with community members, and more. You can complete the online application at tinyurl.com/eawallin.

A staff member and board member will make sure your plan fits the grant requirements and reach out to you. Then you will be able to run your plan, save your receipts, and turn them in to the EAW for reimbursement.

Coffee and Conversation: We have been visiting schools before, during lunches, and after to meet with members and talk. So far, we have visited 23 schools! We look forward to visiting all schools. Please let us know when you would like us to visit!

House Delegates: Delegates are still needed for Canterbury and NCC (both Teacher and IA), Flagg needs a teacher only, and PIC needs a delegate!

UPDATES:

Evaluation Bargaining: Dates have been set for January and February to begin bargaining!

Mentor Class Action Grievance: Heard at superintendent's level. Waiting on response.

Bus Drivers & monitors: Moved to school Committee and looking forward for members to attend.