



Action Line

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Dues Lowered: Despite the fact that AFT has required an increase, this year's union dues will be slightly lower than last year. In previous years, the amount was determined by a percentage of the BA Step 1. With the addition of Step 0, this will become the new standard for determining dues. Therefore, the RFT will collect less money per member in order to keep the overall cost down.

Medical cost: Some of you may have noticed money deducted from your Aug. 6 check for medical insurance. Per our contract agreement, the cycle for medical benefits would go into effect Aug. 1, therefore, deductions would have to begin this month.

Certification: There were several internal positions which people found they were not qualified to teach because of their certification. In times of layoff and reduction, the more certifications people hold, the better off they are. If you are not sure that you are highly qualified for a position, or if you should expand your certification, please check with personnel; they will help guide you through the process of becoming highly qualified.

Educational Issues Coordinator: With *Race to the Top* (RTTT) and the various mandates facing public education, AFT-Michigan has suggested that we create the position of Education Issues Coordinator. Compensation and responsibilities has yet to be fully determined but may include attending in-services and publishing information for our membership. If you are interested or have questions, please contact me.

Bowling League: There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in joining the Teacher's Bowling League at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 at Rosebowl Lanes. The league begins Sept. 8. Please e-mail Lahoma Jones if you would like to participate.

Building Reps Needed: We are always looking for more people to become the face of the RFT. One way to do so is by becoming a building rep. With the shuffling of staff and many retirements, buildings may be in need of new people to consider running. This year, elections will take place in most buildings at the beginning of the school year. Several buildings have gained an additional seat per our RFT Constitution & Bylaws. If you are interested or have questions, please contact me.

Welcome Back Party: The party is September 10th at Vintage House (31816 Utica Rd) from 3-8 p.m. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:00. Thank you, Mike Zimmer for planning this party.