



Action Line

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Ready... Set... **TAKE ACTION!**

Congratulations to all the staff recently honored at the BOE Meeting on January 14! The students did a great job running the board meeting as well!

- I wanted to thank the teachers at Kaiser and Dort for allowing me into their classes over the last couple of weeks. I'll be volunteering at RHS on January 30. My next stops will include Eastland Middle and Fountain in February.
- If you haven't already signed up to attend the **Statewide Summit in Flint on February 9, 2013**, please do so using the following link. http://afl.salsalabs.com/o/4013/c/368/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=9757
Please let Mike Zimmer know as well, so we can set up carpooling for anyone that's interested. Our local # is 1071.
- With the passage of "Right to Work," it is more important than ever to stay in touch with your legislators. Attached is an updated list.

•Emergency Managers

The Legislature made quick work of a replacement for Public Act 4 – which voters dumped on November 6 via referendum. **Senate Bill 865 (Pavlov, R-St. Clair)** gives financially distressed school districts and municipalities a choice of **four options** to deal with its financial emergency: **a consent agreement; a mediation process; an Emergency Manager; or Chapter 9 bankruptcy.**

Since the bill sets aside \$780,000 to the Department of Treasury to pay the salaries of the emergency managers, **the bill is referendum-proof.** In the past, the communities paid the cost of the EMs. Another \$5 million is also given to Department of Treasury to hire financial consultants, lawyers, experts and professionals to help the impacted local governments if they go through bankruptcy. The bill is now known as the **"Local Financial Stability and Choice Act" and it will go into effect in late March 2013, since it was not given immediate effect.**

•Expands MPSERS Retirees to Work Without Losing Benefits

House Bill 5261 (Hughes, R-Montague) amends the Public School Employees Retirement Act to **allow retirees to retain their retirement allowances and health benefits while providing certain services to schools** in an identified critical shortage discipline or as a substitute teacher, instructional coach or school improvement facilitator. For more information go to the AFT website <http://aftmichigan.org/takeaction/capitol/index.html> and click on the "December 2012" Capital Report.

Bills that died last session but may very likely return...

- **Ineffective Teachers** - Requires school officials to obtain written parental consent to place a student in a classroom with a teacher rated ineffective on the teacher's two most recent year-end evaluations. *House Bill 5776 (Stapleton, D-Detroit)*
- **"Religious Liberty and Conscience Protection Act"** - Creates a new act allowing health providers a right to decline to provide or pay for certain objectionable health care services. Also requires universities, colleges, and educational institutions where education and training regarding the provision of a health care services is conducted to adopt a similar policy applicable to its students, faculty, and staff. It further prohibits a university, college, or educational institution from refusing admission to an individual or penalizing a student or member of its faculty or staff for expressing a health care service objection. *Senate Bill 975 (Moolenaar, R-Midland)*
- **School Reform** - Provides for statewide schools choice, expanded online education, and creates adjunct instructor certification. *House Bill 5923 (Lyons, R-Alto)*

- Union Dues Totals for 2012 – for Tax Purposes
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Full Time Teacher
Jan – June \$45.35 x 11 (pays)=\$498.85
Sep – Dec \$45.59 x 9 (pays)= \$410.31
Total=\$909.16

Part Time Teacher

Jan – June $\$22.67 \times 11$ (pays)=\$249.37

Sep – Dec $\$23.08 \times 9$ (pays)=\$207.72

Total=\$457.09

Paras

Jan – June $\$10.77 \times 11$ (pays)=\$118.47

Sep – Dec $\$10.89 \times 9$ (pays)=\$ 98.01

Total=\$216.48

Respectfully,

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