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Work of CEC moving forward

State Representatives Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City) and Tracy Heard (D-Columbus) have introduced House Bill 167 which moves forward the recommendations of Mayor Coleman's Columbus Education Commission. HB 167 preserves our democratically-elected school board and does not in any way impact our collective bargaining rights. The bill contains several recommendations from the Commission's final report that require legislative approval:



- A ballot issue where voters would approve or disapprove the creation of the position of an independent auditor for CCS
- A ballot issue where voters would approve or disapprove a levy of additional millage for CCS granting the school board the authority to determine which charter schools would share these revenues, if any
- Authorization for the Mayor and City Council of Columbus to sponsor charter schools

In her proponent testimony for HB 167 on Tuesday, May 21, CEA President Rhonda Johnson said, "I am pleased to report that the Columbus Education Association participated in the Commission as a full partner. The Commission included our concerns in its final report and urged action to address these preventable (technology) difficulties."

Additionally, the CEA Board of Governors approved a resolution in support of HB 167 that was sent on to the Legislative Assembly for endorsement.

Stotik, Donna Baker, Beth Masters and Rosie Perry. Kriston serves on the OEA Board of Directors and has worked on numerous committees to advance the Association's education agenda. Donna, a retiring member, is one of the longest serving board governors, representing CEA in many capacities, including the Curriculum Quality Control Council and delegate to the OEA and NEA Representative Assemblies. Beth, longtime Senior Faculty Representative at West HS, has served on the CEA Board of Governors representing middle school teachers and as an NEA and OEA Representative Assembly delegate. Though Rosie has not served on the Board of Governors, she has been one of the most active members of the Association. As a Faculty Representative in a number of buildings, she has served on many panels, including the Local Professional Development Committee.

We honored Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman with the Friend of Education Award for his tireless support of the Columbus City Schools. In December, Mayor Coleman created the Columbus Education Commission to examine the challenges and opportunities facing children in the Columbus City Schools. Mayor Coleman has been out front supporting the teachers in Columbus, opposing Senate Bill 5, supporting collective bargaining. He has worked tirelessly with us, always making sure that teachers have a seat at the table and that our voices are heard.

The Commission's twenty-five members received the Innovation Award. These "smartest minds" in education wrestled with tough questions affecting the future of our children. In April, the Commission presented its work to the Mayor. The report includes an implementation plan to make sure our community comes together to help all children succeed.

Each year, the CEA District Governors honor a select group of faculty representatives for their hard work and dedication during the year. This year we salute:

District 1	Angel Dyer	Salem ES
District 2	Vernell Washington	Alpine ES
District 3	Steve Hildreth	Mifflin HS
District 4	Sheila Evans	CAHS
District 5	Erika Payne	Eastgate ES
District 6	Beth Masters	West HS
District 7	Melissa Shumaker	Moler ES
District 8	Tracie Helmbrecht	Sherwood MS
District 9	Melanie Garvin	Tutors
District 10	Jim Keller	Elementary Music

For more than three decades, CEA has honored and supported students with scholarships at the banquet. We congratulate this year's winners and their CEA-member parents:

Christa McAuliffe Scholarship
Allison Byrer, daughter of Jeanne Byrer, Parsons ES

CEA General Scholarship
Ronnie Dawson, Jr., son of Antoinette Dawson, Fairwood ES

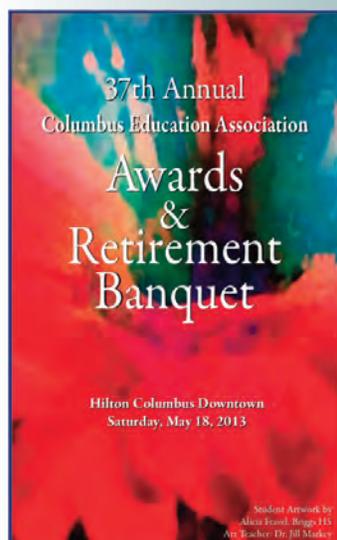
CEA-R Scholarships
Tyler J. Zwahlen and Zachary J. Zwahlen
sons of Debbie Zwahlen, Counselor

Thank you, supporters and retirees

Nearly 600 guests attended the 37th Annual CEA Awards & Retirement Banquet on Saturday, May 18, at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. The event celebrates our retirees and others whose efforts on behalf of the Association and public education have exceeded the call of duty.

Vern Miller received the Outstanding Member Award. Miller is the Senior Faculty Representative of Yorktown MS. In addition to serving on the PAR Panel, Vern has been an OEA and NEA delegate, and served in numerous other capacities, including the bargaining team and the Reach Out and Read Committee. He has been a caring guide to all the students who come through his doors, whether they are poor, have learning disabilities, are disadvantaged or are English-language learners.

Distinguished Service Awards went to Kriston Crombie



Rhonda Johnson Scholarships

(Sponsored by the CEA Retiring Class of 2012)

Taylor Lanier, daughter of Gwen Lanier, Counselor

Brandon L. Stone, son of Eric Stone,
Linden-McKinley STEM 7-12
and Brenda Stone, Clearbrook MS

John E. Grossman Memorial Scholarship

Lindy Hartley, South High School Graduating Senior

We congratulate our 2013 Retirees who, collectively, have devoted hundreds of years of service to our kids. First in line was Barbara Yarborough, our longest-serving teacher. Barbara began her teaching career in 1958. The following individuals were honored at the banquet:

Barbara Ann Yarborough	Debbie Fowler	Dorothy Ortman
Linda Diane Allen	Adrienne Marie Freeman	Denise A. Payne
Donna Baker	Lauren Frugé	Lynnette J. Payne
Richard Baker	Cynthia Fulton	Sonjia Penn
Diane Barnes	Terri Gampp	David Perry
Donna Barnett	Donna George	Rosie Perry
Eileen Bartlett	Maggie Glasgow	Pamela J. Richards
John Bass	Darlene Harp	Valorie Moore Rushing
Linda Bass	Deborah R. Harris	Marcia Seiffried
Nancy Bearor	Karen S. Harris	Beth Shelley
Anna Bennett	Vicki D. Hatfield	Phyllis Sherman
Linda Bierkortte	Cynetha Denese Henderson	Jo Ann Skinner
Connie J. Blanchette	Carol Herrel	Annette C. Smith
Mary Bleas	Kathleen M. Hodges	Bashiel H. Smith
Cynthia Boyd	Letitia Hoffman	Frank S. Smith
Veronica Smithers Bryant	Susan Huffman	Kristy Smith
Nancy Burman	Aaron C. Jackson	Karen Spooner
Wendell Burton	Cynthia L. Jones	Deborah Starr
Shirley Cannon	Vanessa Kadalie	Gail Steele
Molly Carty	Rose M. King	Fred Sutter
Sharon Clay	Susan Kiser	Debra Toles
Cheryl A. Copeland	Jacqueline Klute	Barbara Vincent
Joy Cornett	Brent G. Krelko	Cheryl Wagner
Sandra P. Cox	Kathryn Krotz	Brenda Wander
Glenda Crawford	Lillie Lay	Mary Jo Wasierski
Donna Crump	Laura B. Legge	Shirley Welshans
Kenneth E. Crump	Karen Lemmon	Michele H. West
Margaret Dorman	Jim Martiny	Francoise Wilson
Deborah J. Downey	Beth Masters	Linda Wright
Kitty Durham Jones	Susan McCoy	Miroslava Wynnycky
Pat Fauss	Stephen A. Miller	Andrea Yoakum
Donna Ferrell	Carole D. Moyer	
Jodie Fissel	Lawrence E. Murray	

CEA's Association President's Award went to retiring Superintendent Gene Harris, our strongest ally in supporting our students. We will miss Dr. Harris, but we know she will remain close by to share our victories and struggles in the coming years. Thanks, Dr. Harris!

To see pictures from this event, go to CEA's Flickr page at: <http://bit.ly/cea2013awards>.

Third Grade Guarantee update

On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, the Ohio House unanimously passed Senate Bill 21. The bill makes a number of changes to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. SB 21 changes the teacher qualifications required to teach third graders who have been retained or are under a reading improvement plan.

In the House version of SB 21, third grade students who have been retained or who are on a reading improvement plan must be assigned a teacher who has at least one year of teaching experience and satisfies one of the following criteria:

- ♦ Reading endorsement on the teaching license
- ♦ Master's degree in reading or literacy
- ♦ Rated "most effective" for reading instruction for the most recent two years based on student growth measures
- ♦ Rated "above expected value added" in reading instruction as determined by criteria established by ODE for the most recent consecutive two years
- ♦ Holds an alternative credential approved by ODE or has successfully completed scientifically-based reading instruction training approved by ODE (Until July 1, 2014)
- ♦ Holds a teaching license for PreK-3 or 4-9 issued on or after July 1, 2017

Additionally, first-year teachers may provide reading guarantee services as long as they meet any of the criteria previously listed and are assigned a mentor who is qualified to provide reading guarantee services.

The House version of the bill allows school districts that cannot furnish the number of teachers to satisfy the qualifications to submit a staffing plan to the Ohio Department of Education. ODE may grant extensions of district staffing plans through the 2015-2016 school year.

Due to key differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill, the Senate will vote whether to accept the House version of the bill or to send the bill to conference committee to work out the differences. The bill also contains an emergency clause so that it will become law immediately after being signed by the governor.

Have a great summer

This was one of the most difficult years in the recent history of Columbus City Schools. Even though morale is at an all-time low, teachers held it together. As our schools captured news headlines, it has been tough to remain positive and keep our focus on our students. But you did it.

We honor you and wish you a wonderful, much-deserved break. As you relax, vacation, spend time with family and continue your professional learning, CEA will be there for you, remaining in touch during the summer.

Make sure we have your personal email address and that the school district has your correct home address. CEA's summer hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See you in August.



Special notes

- ❑ **Staff-reduced teachers** should attend a **job fair at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, or Thursday, May 30, at Northgate**. You will receive a notice from HR indicating the day you are to attend the job fair. **All certificate/license areas will be posted on both days. Multiple-certificated teachers** will only have to **attend one day, instead of two**. Those teachers whose seniority dates are **on or before Aug. 15, 2001**, will report on **Wednesday, May 29, 4:30 p.m.** Those whose seniority dates are **Aug. 16, 2001**, or later, will report on **Thursday, May 30, 4:30 p.m.**
- ❑ We thank the **FRs** from the following buildings/units who have held the **Stop 1622 Ten-Minute Meetings** since the last edition of *The CEA Voice*: Art, Broadleigh ES, CC Prep. School for Girls, Columbus Spanish Imm. K-8, Eastmoor Academy, Huy ES, Livingston ES, Northland HS, PAR, South HS, Southwood K-6, Valleyview ES, Watkins ES, Whetstone HS and Woodward Park MS.
- ❑ **Elections of CEA Faculty Representatives** should be held by the end of the school year. Call Michele Mays at CEA at **253-4731**, if you have questions.
- ❑ **Background checks**: If you were last fingerprinted in **2008 (permanent or eight-year certificate holders)**, you must complete your background check **by Friday, May 31**. Go to **270 E. State St.** between **8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays**. You can also go to **Northgate Center** on **Wednesday, May 29**, between **8 a.m. and 5 p.m.** A **valid driver's license** or a **state-issued ID** must be presented and a \$40 fee be paid by **credit or debit card or money order**. **Checks will not be accepted.**
- ❑ Register for the **Middle School Summer Institute** through **CiMS/PD Planner** by **Wednesday, May 29**. The event is **June 3 and 4** from **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the **OSU Ohio Union**. If you have questions, contact **Northgate** at **365-5039**.
- ❑ Be sure CEA has your **personal, non-CCS email address** and your cell phone number if you want to receive text messages regarding bargaining updates. Send your information to **tellcea@ceaohio.org**.
- ❑ OEA and the Columbus Crew are offering a ticket discount to members on **Crew's Educator Appreciation Night, Saturday, June 15**. **Gates open at 6 p.m.** and **kickoff** is at **7:30 p.m.** Before the game, stop by the OEA booth near the entry gates to register for a chance to win Crew merchandise, special on-field access, tickets to a future Crew game and more. Tickets are \$10 (regularly \$27). If you have questions, call Sam Beall at (614) 447-4189. Go to <http://bit.ly/ColumbusCrewEdNight2013> to purchase tickets online. Use special offer code, "teacher."