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## Join the levy campaign

A very important campaign is under way. Its aim: to ensure our future success by making sure we have the funds to implement the programs we need

and support the professionals who do the important work of educating our students. That's why we need you, to join the 1 Mill Club and support Issue 75, the Columbus City School District levy and bond issue.

CEA has set a \$100,000 fundraising goal in support of Issue 75. Our slogan is, "*Our students. Our schools. Our community. Our future.*"

You can become part of the excitement. When you give at the \$40 level you become a campaign supporter and become a member of the 1 Mill Club. When you give at \$75 or above, you become part of *Club 75*. We will send you an invitation to the *Club 75* event hosted by CEA President Rhonda Johnson.

This campaign is vitally important. A funding crisis will roll back significant gains of the past four years. The district has kept its promise not to ask for new funds since the 2004 levy passed. Now we need a cash infusion. Funds will help restore important programs, including in-school suspension programs in middle and high schools, professional development days and one hour of the school day.

Join now. We wish to thank this week's contributors:

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## Open enrollment for healthcare insurance

The open enrollment period for health benefit programs this year is from Oct. 15–Nov. 14. The open enrollment provides the annual opportunity for teachers and other employees to choose new health plan options or to make changes, such as choosing a different plan or adding or dropping dependents.

Each employee will receive the new *2009 Guide to Employee Benefits* which outlines benefits available to CCS employees and includes the necessary enrollment forms.

Complete information is also available on the CCS intranet. If you are keeping the insurance plan you currently have, you do not need to do anything. The booklet also includes the prices for 2009, which have increased by 12 percent over 2008.

Express Scripts, Inc. (ESI) will be the new prescription provider for CCS. The change will be in effect Jan. 1, 2009. Employees will receive new cards well ahead of the effective date and will find a seamless transition from the Aetna prescription program. Please note that Aetna will continue to be the provider for our medical insurance program.

Aetna will also administer the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) program which allows pretax dollars to be deducted and used for healthcare and dependent care. This year the FSA will include a debit card which will allow participants to pay for many eligible health expenses at the point of purchase. This will eliminate the need to file paper claims for reimbursements.

## SuccessWorks accepting new students

SuccessWorks Academy (SWA), the district program which focuses on students in grades 3–7 with the most serious behavior problems, has openings for students at all grade levels.

Students must meet the following criteria in order to be considered:

- Numerous violations of Level 2 or Level 3 behaviors as listed in the *Guide to Positive Student Behavior*

- Previously referred to Student Assistance and Intervention for Learning (SAIL) committee
- Previous school intervention and behavior strategies have not been successful
- Do not qualify for special education services
- Parents must agree to placement

Applications are available on the CCS Web site.

This is a viable option available for those students who seriously disrupt the learning process and need additional assistance and support in order to succeed. Take advantage while openings exist. For more information, call SWA at 365-8306.

## Special election for District 6 Governor

A CEA Special Election will take place to fill the unexpired term for CEA District 6 Governor. District 6 buildings are: Binns ES, Briggs HS, Burroughs ES @ Clarfield, Eakin ES, Georgian Heights ES, Highland ES, Hilltonia MS, Lindbergh ES, Valleyview ES, Wedgewood MS, West HS, West Broad ES, Westgate ES and Westmoor MS.

A CEA governor attends all Board of Governors meetings and all Legislative Assembly meetings. Governors hold monthly district meetings with their faculty representatives and their district members. Governors will also periodically visit the buildings in their district and assist faculty reps with resolving issues in their buildings.

Candidates from this district must declare their intention to run between Oct. 27–31. Forms may be obtained from CEA or online at [ceaohio.org](http://ceaohio.org).

Campaigning will take place from Nov. 3–7, and voting will be Nov. 10–14. Ballots will be counted by the CEA Elections Committee on Nov. 18.

Every member in District 6 is encouraged to participate in our democratic process to elect a new member to the CEA Board of Governors.

Additional information about the position can be found in the CEA Constitution online at [www.ceaohio.org](http://www.ceaohio.org).

## Grossman Memorial Concert

The Columbus Männerchor will dedicate their 160th Anniversary Concert to former CEA President John Grossman. The concert was a project on which John was working prior to his untimely death. A choir from Dresden, Germany, will be performing in John's memory. The concert will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m. at the Ft. Hayes Performing Arts Theater. Tickets are available from CEA-R member Janet O'Leary (457-7972) or Carol Wagner at the CEA Office.



## Special notes

- ❑ The payroll deduction deadline has passed for enrolling in the **Comprehensive Legal Services program**. However, you can still pay the \$450 retainer and **enroll through Oct. 31**.
- ❑ Ashland University is offering three technology courses this fall: Using Technology in the Classroom, Web 2.0 Classroom Technology, and Virtual Field Trips in the Classroom. All courses are offered online and in one-weekend session formats. Go to <http://pd4me.wikispaces.com> for more information.
- ❑ **Blue Jacket Tickets** are available from the CEA office for the following dates: **Oct. 21, Vancouver (2)**. Call the CEA office at 253-4731 to purchase tickets.

**CEA members: Take advantage of the legal benefit plan offered by CEA.**

You are entitled to four free one-half hour consultations per year, a free living will, a free medical durable power of attorney, free notary services and reduced legal fee rates.

Contact the law firm of Cloppert, Latanick, Sauter & Washburn for all of your legal needs.

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