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Your support is needed now

As Election Day draws near, the need to help fund Columbus schools grows more urgent. We still have a lot of work ahead to make sure voters have information and will support Issue 75—Columbus City School District Levy & Bond Issue.

Join the 1 Mill Club
Support Issue 75
Columbus City School District Levy & Bond

The campaign needs to raise \$800,000 to get out the positive message about our schools. Remember, 80 percent of the taxpayers in the school district do not have children in our schools.

When you give at the \$40 level, you become a campaign supporter and member of the *1 Mill Club*. For \$75 or above, you become part of *Club 75*. You will be invited to the *Club 75* event hosted by CEA President Rhonda Johnson. One hundred percent of the money collected at CEA goes to the levy campaign.

The district has kept its promise not to ask for new funds during the past four years. Now we need them. Funds will help restore professional development days and one hour of the school day.

Let's keep the momentum going. Thank you to the following members who have joined:

Club 75: Charles Steele (Mifflin MS), Teresa Feddersen (Hudson Ctr.), Annalese Lynch (Innis ES), Marylou Posey (Whetstone HS), Thear-esa Coursey-Conrad (Yorktown MS), Fred Purdy (Wedgewood MS), Cara Boettner (Beechcroft HS), Nancy Buttermann (PAR), Peggy Callander (Oakmont ES), Nichole Cavinee (Shady Lane ES), Tina Cegala (Ridgeview MS), Jana Eschner (West Mound ES), Belinda Flemming (Africentric HS), Mary Ann Furie-Shrum (Eastmoor Acad.), Karie Gilchrist (Woodcrest ES), Brent Greene (PAR), Jennifer Jackson Sangaré (École Kenwood), Jill Johnson (Oakmont ES), Mary Kennett (Elem. PE), Bonnie Little (Neil Ave.), Sue Mogan-Mattison (Elem. Music), Withenia Moore-Williams (Elem. Art), Keith Morefield (NECC), Bruce Mortland (NECC), Ann North (Africentric ES), Brad Oglesby (CAHS), Martha Poldna (CEA-R), Robin Robinson-Jeffries (Fairwood ES), Alecia Russell (Psychologists), Heidi Sherer (Speech & Language), Pam Snyder (CAHS), Gail Steele (Whetstone HS), Julian Tilger (Brookhaven HS), Paula Vanfossen-Brown (Neil Ave.), Kathryn Waugh (Eastmoor MS), Michele West (Africentric HS), Kellie Wilburn (Eastmoor Acad) and Barbara Yarborough (Africentric ES).

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College scholarships available

CEA offers a wonderful benefit to our members: scholarships for members' children who are attending college.

The Members Scholarship Foundation, now 12 years old, provides \$750 in tuition assistance for each senior attending a university or other post-secondary institution.

To be eligible, students must be college seniors between Sept. 2008 and June 2009 and must maintain a 2.0 GPA. Payment will be made directly to the college or university. Parents or guardians must have taught in the Columbus schools for four years prior to the application date and must be CEA or CEA-R members.

To download a copy of the scholarship application form, go to: www.ceaohio.org/GD/Templates/Pages/cea/ceadetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=129&Content=1175.

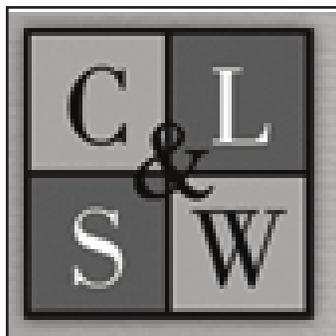
The deadline to apply has been extended to Friday, Nov. 7. If you have questions, call Cora Miller at 253-4731

Legal services deadline

The deadline for taking advantage of CEA's legal services program is Oct. 31. It's a great benefit. Your \$450 retainer covers such matters as: personal injury and debt claims, workers compensation, estate planning/probate, criminal/traffic defense, real estate, domestic relations, credit problems and small business matters.

For details, visit the Cloppert, Latanick, Sauter & Washburn *members only* Web site at www.cloppertlaw.com/CM/SecuredContent/PlanMembers/PlanMembers/Members1.asp. E-mail jnelson@ceaohio.org for the user name and password.

Contact the firm at 461-4455.



District 6 Board of Governors election coming

The declaration period is open from Oct. 27–31 for those wishing to run for District 6 Governor.

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.

Additional information about the position can be found in the *CEA Constitution & Bylaws* online at www.ceaohio.org under the *Publications* tab on the home page. Please call the CEA office at 253-4731 if you have questions.

Flexible spending account open enrollment

Last week, CCS opened this year's opportunity to enroll in the flexible spending program for 2009. When you set up a flexible spending account (FSA), also referred to as Section 125 (Cafeteria) accounts, you designate pre-tax dollars you will spend during the year on medical and dependent care expenses. You do not need to be enrolled in one of the CCS health-coverage plans to participate.

For information on how the plan works, visit www.AetnaFSA.com. Once you determine your yearly need, money will be deducted from your pay and placed in the account. Then starting Jan. 1, 2009, when you need to pay for a doctor's visit, prescription or other medical expense, such as over-the-counter drugs, contact lenses, co-pays, eyeglasses, health club memberships (physician recommended), child and dependent care expenses, and weight loss drugs, you can use your FSA to cover the cost. For examples of some of the other eligible medical expenses, go to: www.aetna.com/fsa/understanding/health/healthcareexpenses.html.

Aetna will also provide members with debit type cards so they can pay for expenses without having to complete any forms. When you pay for a service using the debit type card, the funds are automatically deducted from your FSA account.

Please consider this plan. It will reduce your taxable income, giving you more money to spend on other expenses throughout the year.

Special notes

- ❑ The **open enrollment for health benefit programs is Oct. 15–Nov. 14**. This is your opportunity to choose new health care options, make changes, add or drop dependents and set up a flexible spending account. Please refer to your *2009 Guide to Employee Benefits*.
- ❑ The **John Grossman Memorial Concert** will take place Sunday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m. at the Ft. Hayes Performing Arts Center. For tickets, contact Janet O'Leary at 457-7972 or Carol Wagner at the CEA Office at 253-4731.
- ❑ The **American Cancer Society** presents: "*The Last Lecture*" by Jeffrey Zaslow at the Capital Theatre (77 S. High St.) on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 for a VIP Package or \$30 for general admission. Ticket sale proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Contact Amy Sidner at 888-227-646 ext. 3206 or Cheryl Smoot at 888-227-6446 ext. 8506 or cheryl.smoot@cancer.org for more information.
- ❑ **Donate to WCBE 90.5 FM** and support your Central Ohio NPR station. Go to: www.wcbe.org/Membership_Online_Donation.html.

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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