



How much does Scott Walker think our children are worth?

Do you know that the revenue limit—the amount any school district can receive for each student—differs all across Wisconsin? Here are some comparisons on the revenue limits in the Milwaukee Region:

MPS Revenue Limit per pupil \$10,261

- Mequon: \$10,662 per pupil = \$401 higher per pupil
- WFB: \$11,248 per pupil = \$987 higher per pupil
- Elmbrook: \$11,568 per pupil = \$1,307 higher per pupil
- Glendale/River Hills: \$12,752 per pupil = \$2,491 higher per pupil
- Fox Point J2: \$13,577 per pupil = \$3,316 higher per pupil
- Maple Dale/Indian Hill: \$17,231 per pupil = \$6,970 higher per pupil
- Nicolet: 17,794 per pupil = \$7,713 higher per pupil

Imagine what MPS could do with \$1,307 more, or \$2,491 more, or \$6,970 more per pupil. Millions of additional dollars would be available for small class sizes, more librarians, counselors, art, music and phy ed teachers, safety assistants, supplies, etc. To ensure every student in Wisconsin Public Schools receives equal opportunities, MTEA members will join with statewide partners this year to advocate for fair funding. Our students are worth more.

Summer heats up for public education

Sisters and Brothers,

As summer approaches, Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association activists are gearing up to fight the unjust plan by suburban legislators to takeover underfunded MPS schools and hand them over to private, unaccountable operators. Thank you to all members who have been tirelessly collecting parent contacts, talking to your colleagues, and strengthening school defense committees to resist this attack on our children and communities.



Kim Schroeder

An injury to one MPS school, is an injury to all MPS schools. Any public school taken over will not only have a negative impact on the children, families, and employees of that school, but it will also affect the financial stability, class size, and overall working/learning conditions of all MPS schools. We must remain unified and organized as we prepare for any attacks on our schools. Please continue to talk to members, non-members, parents, congregations, and neighbors about the fight against the Takeover and continue to watch your emails closely for important updates and details about an upcoming mobilization.

Also remember we have much to be proud of. With help from our community allies, we have drastically pushed back the timeline of the MPS Takeover as well as the number of schools Abele and Means claim they will take in the first year. We should be proud of this accomplishment and remember that we are strongest when we stick together.

In solidarity,

Kim Schroeder,
MTEA President

Welcome Summer Organizers

Ten new summer organizers have been hired through the National Education Association (NEA) to recruit new MTEA members, develop leaders and member activists at schools. Be on the lookout for summer organizers in buildings during summer school.

Register now for Summer PD at the Center

MTEA members can take free professional development courses at the Milwaukee Center for Teaching, Learning and Public Education. The Center is located in the MTEA office at 5130 W. Vliet St.

For complete course descriptions and to register, visit mtea.weac.org and go to the events area of the website.

Courses include:

Three Credit Book Study | Jun. 16

National Board Certification | Jun. 23

Community Schools 101 | Jun. 28

Donors Choose | Jun. 29

Degrees Not Debt! | Jul. 13

Drop-In PDP Support | Jul. 18 or Jul. 27

EE: PPG/SLO/PDP Alignment | Jul. 14

Supporting Undocumented Students | Jul. 15

Restorative Practices | Jul. 19

Educator Organizing Through Social Media | Jul. 19

Community Schools 201 | Jul. 20

Dealing With Challenging Interactions | Jul. 20

Understanding Gender | Jul. 18

LGBTQ Inclusive Framework | Jul. 19

Biased Based Bullying | Jul. 20

Welcoming Family Diversity | Jul. 21

LGBTQ Student and Teacher Rights/ Protections | Jul. 22

Crafting a Developmentally Appropriate Early Childhood Schedule via a Whole Child Approach | Jul. 25

Educator Effectiveness: PPG and SLO Support | Jul. 25

Becoming a Cooperating Teacher | Jul. 26

National Board Support Sessions | Jul. 28

Distinguished Educators | Aug. 1

Bilingual Education | Aug. 9

Mindfulness in the Classroom | Elem. Jul. 11 | High School Aug. 10

New Educator Back-to-School BBQ | Aug. 24

Substitute Teachers Back to School BBQ | Aug. 29

Get more information and register at mtea.weac.org/mke-center.

Moving, retiring or resigning?

If you are retiring or resigning this spring, please contact Linda Scherlie at the MTEA office, (414) 256-6760, or email Ischerli@mtea.weac.org. We want to help you convert your dues from active status to retiree dues.

MTEA summer hours

The MTEA office is open from 8am-4pm Monday through Friday during the summer. Summer hours start on June 20. School year office hours resume on August 28.

The MTEA office is closed for cleaning from Monday, July 4 through Friday, July 8.

Upcoming events

All events held at MTEA unless otherwise noted. For more information and to register, visit mtea.weac.org and go to *events*.

Professional development at the Milwaukee Center for Teaching, Learning and Public Education, located in the MTEA office. For a listing of courses this summer, see article at left. For details and to register, visit mtea.weac.org

NEA RA, Sun., July 2 through Thurs., July 7 in Washington, DC

Basics of Budgeting and Savings, Thurs., July 21, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Preparing for Retirement, Thurs., July 28, 10:00am-11:45am

Understanding Long Term Care Insurance, Thurs., July 28, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Outdoor Yoga at MTEA, Every Mon. beginning June 20 from 3-4pm.

Dues withdrawals

For members with biweekly dues deductions, June 17 is the last dues deduction of the 2015-16 school year for members at schools on traditional and year-round calendars.

Educators who sign up for membership during the summer must pay the June dues if they wish to receive membership benefits during the summer, including free professional development.

The first dues withdrawal in fall 2016 will take place with the first full or large paycheck. Questions, please email scherliek@mtea.weac.org.

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