

Subject: TEA IMPORTANT UPDATE

Good afternoon everyone,

Please see the message below and the attachment about your September and October dues. **A credit card option is also in the attachment!**

Troy Education Association Communication

2016-2017 - #3

Important Updates and News:

1. **Dues Deductions**

Dues were not drawn from member's bank accounts in September 2016. The Association has been working to transition to a new dues payment system that will give members more options in paying their dues. The payment processing company that the Association is working with *BluePay* attempted to make a dues draw in September, but due to a file error **no draws** were made from members' accounts. In order to correct this missed dues payment, the October 19th dues deduction will be a double draw. For example, if a member's normal monthly dues draw is \$86.92 their dues draw on October 21st will be two draws of \$86.92 – dues for September and October. This is a **one-time correction**. Dues amounts moving forward will return to the previous amounts. In the above example, a member's dues will return to \$86.92 per month for the remainder of the year.

Members who have paid their dues in full for the school year are **not impacted** in any way by this event. Their dues obligation is complete for this year.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Please contact, TEA Membership Chair Patrick Koneval (patrickkoneval@comcast.net) or TEA Treasurer Suzanne Cowie (teatreasurer@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

2. **Member Portal – MyAccount**

The Association has been working on a new member information system called *MyAccount* which can be found on the TEA website (<http://www.troyeducationassociation.org/>). This member portal is still being developed and refined, but it is already available to all members. All members should go to the site and log-in.

Some exciting features of this site will include:

- Ability to update personal information
- Accurate information related to building assignment and FTE
- Precise dues calculations
- Payment options for dues – including credit cards (\$2.25 service fee per usage applies)
- Tax information on dues payments
- Leave information

3. Medical Insurance Committee

The TEA Medical Insurance Committee has been involved in the process of reviewing bids from other medical insurance providers. The District has received the quotes from a total of five medical insurance providers. The TEA Medical Insurance Committee is reviewing the quotes and will be making a recommendation to the TEA Bargaining Team and Executive Board. Should a change of providers be recommended, the membership would vote on the question. This process will be completed by the end of October or early November. Any adopted change would take effect on January 1, 2017.

Insurance open enrollment for the 2017 calendar year will begin in early November. It will be important for members to come to informational meetings on medical insurance options. Everyone can benefit from understanding the ever-changing insurance landscape.

4. Professional Negotiations Study Committee (PNSC)

This is a bargaining year. Each building needs to designate one or more members to represent their building's interests on the TEA Professional

Negotiations Study Committee. This committee is currently chaired by Patrick Koneval (Smith) and Scott Gibbons (THS). Please consider serving on this vital committee. The PNSC establishes the issues that will be bargained by the TEA Bargaining Team by gathering member information through various sources including a survey development. Contact either Pat or Scott about your interest to represent your building on this committee. **The first meeting is scheduled for 4:30 on Friday, October 14 in the Smith media center.**

4. Bargaining Team

Applications for the 2016 TEA Bargaining Team can be found on the TEA website (<http://www.troyeducationassociation.org/>). Please consider applying for a position on this team. Applications are due by October 18th. Please send all applications to teaprez@yahoo.com.

5. MEA Workshop Opportunities at the SODA Office

The following workshops are being offered this school year through the MEA SODA office. Posters will be added to the TEA website and forwarded to building representatives to post on your building's TEA bulletin board in the staff lounge. If you would like to attend one or all of these workshops contact Rob Brish at rbrish@mea.org to reserve a spot.

Lathrup Village MEA Office:

~~Building Rep. Training – October 10, 2016, 5:00PM – 6:30PM~~

~~Student Loan Training – October 11, 2016, 5:00PM – 6:30PM~~

Social Media Training – October 18, 2016, 5:00PM – 6:30PM

Retirement Training – January 12, 2017, 5:00PM – 6:30PM

Teacher Certification Training – TBA, 5:00PM – 6:30PM

Student Loan Training – March 2, 2017, 5:00PM – 6:30PM

Retirement Training – March 9, 2017, 5:00PM – 6:30PM

Social Media Training – March 22, 2017, 5:00PM – 6:30PM

Teacher Certification Training – TBA, 5:00PM – 6:30PM

Baby Workshop – March 14, 2017, 5:00PM – 6:30PM

Please go to our TEA website (<http://www.troyeducationassociation.org/>) to see all of the important information is available to you as a member of this great organization. If you have any questions please give me a call. My number is 248-520-3962.

Tony

Attachments available for 30 days until Friday, November 11, 2016:
[2016-2017 credit card note and form.pdf](#)