

JCAE OPEN DOOR NEWSLETTER

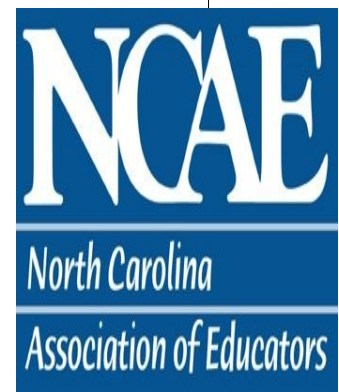
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President's Message

I imagine that, in our younger years, we all heard our parents say, "Nothing good happens after midnight." While I knew they were referring to adolescent hi-jinx, I never guessed that one day it would apply to our General Assembly. However, our current state House of Representatives has shown a fondness for late-night lawmaking. You may recall that they passed the current, anti-public schools budget in a surprise late-night vote back in the summer. Now, they have voted to override the Governor's veto of their bill to eliminate payroll deduction for our dues in a similar after-midnight surprise vote. Many of you have called and written asking what this means for us, and as of this writing, there are no changes. NCAE has already received a preliminary injunction delaying implementation of this law until March at the earliest, and then only after a full hearing, which we fully expect to win. NCAE is challenging this law on a couple of points: one, it violates the state's constitutional parameters for what business can be considered in special sessions called by the governor; two, it is discriminatory in nature as it singles out NCAE alone. In the meantime, NCAE is moving forward with plans to convert dues-paying from payroll deduction to Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), which would deduct your monthly dues from your bank account. Once we do this, it will make us less vulnerable to these types of attacks by vindictive legislatures. I would urge everyone to make this switch. You can do it by going online and signing in using your Member ID, or you can complete a paper form that your building's Association Representative has on file. Your AR can provide you more information on how and when the switch to EFT will take place.

Speaking of payroll, I want to express my appreciation to all the ARs for their efforts in conducting the County's paycheck survey. Being a teacher myself, I know that sometime getting us to do something like the survey is like herding chickens. I also want to express my appreciation to the County Administration for seeking the views of teachers on this before deciding. However, DPI has recently informed school systems that they must pay teachers using what we referred to as "Option 2." This is because of an error in the bill that has not yet been corrected. Our GR Department fully expects this correction to be made, but it may not be until May, and it is uncertain if the county can respond at that late date. Clearly, this issue is still not decided. Be on the lookout for updates this spring. Finally, keep championing the cause of public schools. Keep reaching out to your colleagues. **Remember, one voice CAN change a room!**

Sincerely,
Rich Nixon



Special points of interest:

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Congratulations to:

Darrick McNeill, Smithfield Middle, and wife on birth of son Landon Blake, December 21

Lamantha Perry-Anthony, Corinth Holders HS, and husband on the birth of a daughter Chelsea Lauren Anthony born December 23.

Amy Koo, Micro Pine Level, and husband on birth of son Richard Eddie born December 30. Further congratulations to Amy for receiving her National Board Certification.

Kevin Daughtry, SSSH, and wife on birth of son Thad Michael Daughtry born January 6.

Gwen Johnson, Polenta, on being named the Cleveland Area Teacher of the Year!

Anthony Whitaker, Cooper, on being named WRAL Teacher of the Week Jan. 9.

Jenny Howell, WCES, Employee of the Month.

Lori Rogers, SSSH, and husband on birth of daughter Mary Grace on January 16.

Alice Overby, Polenta, on her retirement February 1.

Sympathy to:

Patricia Lewis, SSSH, on loss of her mother in December.

Peggy Tippett, Riverwood Middle, on loss of her father over the holiday break.

Janice Bateman, SSSH, father-in-law, passed away Jan. 29.



MOVED LATELY?

If you have moved lately, don't forget to send us your new address so you will continue to receive your membership newsletters and other important information. Send an email to JCAE27504@aol.com to update your address.



Dates to Remember

January 31 Nominations due for NCAE and NEA Delegates

January 31 JCAE Rep Meeting, 4:15 PM SSSH Media Center

February 14 Valentine's Day

February 20 Presidents' Day

February 28 JCAE Rep Meeting, 4:15 PM SSSH Media Center

March 3 Read Across America & Dr. Seuss' Birthday

March 23—24 NCAE Convention, Winston-Salem

March 27 JCAE Rep Meeting, 4:15 PM SSSH Media Center

March 29 End of 3rd Quarter

March 30 Required Workday

Member Opportunities

Each of the following committees has openings and could use your participation. If you are interested, contact your building's Association Representative or contact Rich Nixon at RNixon.JCAE@gmail.com.

Membership

Scholarships and Awards

Read Across America

Communication

American Education Week

Legislators Return to School

Elections (canvassing)

Minority Arts Contest

Need Assistance?

Go to www.askncae.org or call 1-855-275-6223.



NCAE-PAC

Most of the decisions that affect educators' jobs are decided by elected officials or by people appointed by elected officials. As public school employees, we have to build a strong political voice by joining our Political Action Committee (PAC) to win on the issues that matter to us like improving working conditions, reducing class size, and protecting our jobs. We need you and every NCAE member you know to start giving to PAC through payroll deduction. It's \$40 a year, \$4.44 a month or \$.02 cents an hour. We're not waiting for any super heroes to save our schools, we're waiting for a say and it's time we start giving our two cents to improve public education." For info regarding contributing to PAC contact us at JCAE27504@aol.com.

New NBCT JCAE Members For 2012!

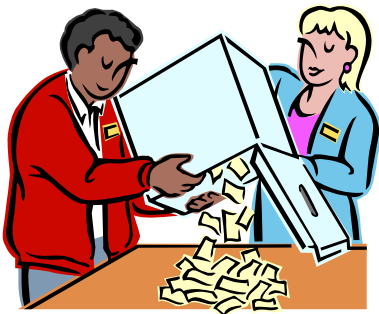
Joni Faison, RMS; Traci Hobbs, FOM; Grace Jackson, SSHS; Nancy Justice, CLES, and Amy Koo, MPL.



Delegates to the NCAE Convention

The following members will be representing you at the state convention, March 23-24 in Winston-Salem.

Tanja Aldridge, BMS; Kenneth Bennett, SC Middle; Charlene Broadway, CLMS; Jack Chrismon, SSHS; Dietra Crenshaw, SJHS; Angela Csider, Polenta; Hollie Heller, PES; Robert Heller, PHS; Jo James, CLES; Shirley Kleinfelter, SmMS; Selena Miracle, WMES; Kathi Nixon, CHHS; Rich Nixon, CHHS; Kristy Rupright, WCES; Lauren Sabo, CMS; Janet Smith, McGES; Linda Stallings, Polenta; Dana Stevenson, Cooper; Dawn Swift, WCES; Patricia Tippins, FOE; Amy Turnbaugh, Cooper; and Ann White, Cooper.



Candidates for the NEA Convention

The following members have filed for delegates to the NEA Convention, July 1- 5 in Washington, D. C. An election will be held soon to select four (4) of these members to represent you.

Tanja Aldridge, Charlene Broadway, Jack Chrismon, Dietra Crenshaw, Angela Csider, Jo James, Shirley Kleinfelter, Kathi Nixon, Rich Nixon, Janet Smith, Dawn Swift, and Patricia Tippins,



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