



Weekly Update Oct. 5th, 2021

Bargaining Update & Office Hours ~ This Thursday ~ 10/7 ~ 4:30pm



This last week EEA reached two tentative agreements (TAs) with the District.

Academic Coaches (Extra Duty ~ 9%)

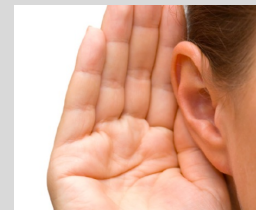
A smaller agreement was reached last Friday (10/1) involving the formation of a new stipend position, "academic coaches," to support students on (or returning) from quarantine as well as struggling BOA students. Building reps will hear more about this agreement this afternoon/evening and if approved by reps these positions could begin being filled as early as this week. [Here is a copy of the TA reached.](#)

Fall Safety & Working Conditions Agreement (Fall MOU)

A larger agreement was reached earlier in the week (9/29) involving aspects of health & safety and working conditions for educators in Bethel. This agreement was similar to an agreement reached last fall involving PPE, social distancing, quarantine, leave bank, and simultaneous teaching. Our building reps will vote to ratify this larger agreement this coming Monday (10/11). [Here is a copy of the TA reached.](#) While this language will only remain in force for this school year it is critical that all members have an opportunity to see the language, ask questions, and via building reps have your voices heard. EEA will be hosting office hours this Thursday (10/7) beginning at 4:30pm. There will be a quick explanation of the language followed by Q&A. [Here is a link to this Thursday's office hours.](#)

Zoom Listening Session w/ School Boards~ SPED Focus~ 10/18 6pm

EEA will be hosting a listening session focusing on SPED (open to all members) with school board members from Bethel & 4J on the evening of October 18th beginning at 6pm. Please come and share successes, challenges, and ideas for improving Special Education in Bethel & 4J. [RSVP to get Zoom link](#)



Bethel Special Services Survey

This year has been like no other...and it's just now October. If you are a SPED educator in Bethel please consider taking our fall SPED survey. We would like to know more about what you are seeing in your positions around the district, we would like to share your stories, and use your responses to drive our bargaining process for this spring when we negotiate our next contract. Here is a link: [Bethel Special Services Survey](#)

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