

HEA Newsletter October 2017

MEA's 3% Case

The state Supreme Court has issued a notice that they will hear oral arguments in early November, regarding the union's lawsuit seeking the return of money taken from school MEA paychecks. The deductions were taken in order to fund retiree health care that was never guaranteed to be provided. Three previous court rulings have been found in MEA's favor, but Governor Snyder appealed again last year. All court decisions cited agreement that deducting the money violated state and federal constitutional protections involving the taking of private property without compensation, due process and impairment of contracts.

Workshop for Probationary Teachers

The MEA would like to invite new teachers to Probationary Teachers Survivor Training. The training is free to probationary teachers and will address Evaluations, Certification, Retirement/Pensions, Student Loan Debt and Tenure. Most local districts will count the workshop as one of the require days of professional development.

Locations and Date for the Workshop is:

Muskegon-October 17
Muskegon Community College
Stevenson Center Room 1218
221 Quarterline Rd
Muskegon

Please RSVP as soon as possible at meanortonshores@gmail.com or by calling (231)798-3301.

Retirement Workshop

MEA is sponsoring a free Pre-Retirement Seminar for members in good standing. In addition to general retirement information, topics will include: Purchasing Service Credit, Social Security, Insurance Coverage, and Pension Information. The location for the Workshop is:

Muskegon Community College
Stevenson Center Room 1218
221 S Quarterline Road
Muskegon

December 2, 9-12

Register at meanortonshores@gmail.com or by calling (231)798-3301. The deadline to register November 17.

The End of DACA and What This Means for Educators and Students

The NEA has supported DACA from its inception and continues to stand with DACA members and students. Even though the program is being terminated, DACA holders are authorized to

remain and work until the expiration date on their documentation. The loss of immigration status should not interfere with rights to vested pension funds, although penalties for removing funds early may apply.

Members, students and families seeking low-cost legal representation can seek help at:

www.immigrationlawhelp.org