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# Eastsider

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## WHERE'S DEB?

- Oct. 6 - Meeting with Alcona EA Bargaining SNAP
- 7 - **BFCL Dollars & Sense Academy (E. Lansing)**
- 11-12 - CORE Training (Deb in E. Lansing)
- 12 - **Webex Training – Teacher Evaluation and Models for Local Leaders**
- 13 - **Region 14 Council Meeting (BJ's – Gaylord)**  
Hillman EA Bargaining (Hillman)
- 14 - 14A MEA-Retired Meeting (TB Marine Sanctuary)  
Johannesburg-Lewiston EA Bargaining (Joberg)
- 18-20 - Statewide Staff Meeting (Lansing)
- 21 - **NMEA (BJ's – Gaylord)**
- 25 - Meeting with Mentor (Cadillac)
- 26 - **Webex Training – Common Core Standards for Local Leaders**  
**Grievance Workshop – MEA UniServ Office**
- 28-29 - Deb on Leave
- Nov. 9 - **Coordinating Council Meeting – MEA UniServ Office**



## ELECTION 2010

In less than four weeks, the face of Michigan government will change. In the Michigan House, 52 of the 110 seats will be filled with new faces due to term limits. In the Senate, 29 of the 38 seats will change. There will be a new governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and attorney general. Public school employees must make their votes count this November, to see that the best interests of Michigan public school children will be served, as well as the welfare of their own pocketbooks and households. In the 14A area, we have the opportunity to elect two candidates who will stand by and for public education employees and the children they assist. A synopsis of their positions is provided below.



### 106<sup>th</sup> Michigan House of Representatives--

With attacks on education and public schools intensifying, we have to elect leaders in November who understand what is at stake and will stand up for us. Casey Viegelahn is that kind of leader, and we need to make sure that he becomes the next State Representative for the 106<sup>th</sup> House District.

Casey, whose mother has worked in Rogers City Public Schools for 17 years, knows the state must do more to support public education, including:

- Provide adequate, stable funding for our schools every year.
- Protect our collective bargaining rights.
- Invest in early childhood education.

Casey's opponent, on the other hand, would only add to the attacks on our public schools. He wants to expand charter schools and make teachers pay more for their health care. On Nov. 2, we need to get to the polls and vote for the candidate who cares about public education and the professionals who devote their lives to it: Casey Viegelaahn.

Casey Viegelaahn believes investing in public education is the best investment we can make for the economy and families of Michigan.

**We need Casey as our State Representative.**

### **36<sup>th</sup> Michigan Senate--**

We need to do all we can to ensure Andy Neumann is elected to the 36<sup>th</sup> State Senate Seat.

1. Andy Neumann was interviewed and recommended by your Screening and Recommendation Committee in June 2010.
2. Andy's opponent John Moolenaar refused the interview, which tells us he is not our friend and does not want our support.
3. The candidates' voting records as House Representatives demonstrate the following:

#### **Neumann**

Supports public education  
Pro collective bargaining  
Pro early childhood funding  
Voted against MESSA reforms

#### **Moolenaar**

Supports Charter Schools  
Pro right to work  
Against early childhood funding  
Voted for MESSA reforms

**Bottom line... Andy Neumann is our friend and we need him in the Senate.**

**LOOK FOR YOUR MEA RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE KICKER CARD IN THE MAIL.**

### **MEA SCHOLARSHIP:**



Reminder: Applications are now available for the 2011 MEA Scholarship. Applications can be downloaded from [www.mea.org](http://www.mea.org), "Grants & Awards" or can be picked up at the Alpena UniServ Office. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 11, 2011.

**CHECK OUT THE NORTHERN ZONE WEBSITE – [www.northernzonemea.org](http://www.northernzonemea.org)**