

SIoux FALLS EDUCATOR

NEWSLETTER OF THE SIOUX FALLS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings SFEA,

It is hard to believe that 3rd Quarter is over next week and testing is right around the corner. We have many important events coming up quickly, please look at the events box to the right.

In June of 2021, your SFEA Negotiations Team began planning for our language negotiations that occurred March 14-16. In preparation, we asked you to complete our bargaining survey sent over the summer and fall. We were able to use those results to help us identify areas for improvement. Once we heard from you, we started to craft proposals that addressed the issues your voices raised. At the table, we were able to amplify your voice and make some much-needed changes to our contract. These changes include multiple expanded leave options for staff and adjustments to planning time.

I invite you join us and learn about those changes on April 7 at 5 pm in the Patrick Henry Auditorium. We will be holding our ratification vote during this meeting.

With the ever-changing circumstances that occur in our classrooms, please reach out if you have any questions.

In Solidarity,

Tim Eckart, SFEA President
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Upcoming events

- Eastern Prairie Mini RA, 5:30 pm March 24th at 41st Street Pizza Ranch
- SFEA Annual Meeting 5:00 pm, April 7th at PHMS Auditorium
- SDEA RA April 8-9 in Pierre

EARLY ENROLLMENT BEGINS APRIL 1

If you are interested in participating in SFEA's early enrollment efforts, please let us know! We would love to set up a time in your building to reach out to your colleagues to talk about the benefits of membership. See a brief explanation of member benefits in the graphic below:

SFEA BUILDING GRANT RECIPIENTS

Jenni Egstad from Sonia Sotomayor wrote a grant to purchase electronic readers with paired books to enhance and encourage independent reading during kindergarten and first-grade MakerSpaces.

Egstad said, "By purchasing high-interest sets, students will be more engaged during reading time and MakerSpaces."

Sets included Disney Princess, Paw Patrol, Lion King, Cars, and many others.

Congratulations on being awarded an SFEA Building Grant!





SUMMER ACADEMY

July 18 – 19, 2022

University of Sioux Falls

Free Event for SDEA Members!

Grad credit or CEU hours will be available!



Keynote:

Jack Berckmeyer, motivational educator



SDEA is hosting its inaugural Summer Academy on July 18-19, 2022 in Sioux Falls at the University of Sioux Falls.

This FREE event for SDEA members is a one-stop shop for all SDEA's training. Grad credit or CEU hours will be available.

Tracks include Professional Development, Early Career Educators, Membership, and Leadership. Offerings will include sessions for Certified Staff, Education Support Professionals, and Higher Education members.

SDEA encourages each local to bring a team to ensure you can access all these great sessions.

Summer Academy Sessions list

See you in July!

Sign-up Here ----->

