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TBS recommended endorsements

The following list of candidates will be recommended for endorsement for the November 7 General Election. The Legislative Assembly will vote on the list at the its meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 14. The list of recommendations is based on candidates' written and oral screenings by OEA committees and by a CEA Teachers for Better Schools (TBS) committee. Recommendations are made based on key issues of interest to the public education community.

The TBS Board unanimously recommended the following slate of candidates. The CEA Board of Governors concurred with the recommended slate, and it will be sent to the Legislative Assembly for its support and official endorsement.

For Governor and Lieutenant Governor

- (D) Ted Strickland and Lee Fisher

For Attorney General

- (D) Marc Dann

For Auditor of State

- (D) Barbara Sykes

For Secretary of State

- (D) Jennifer L. Brunner

For Treasurer of State

- (D) Richard Cordray

For United States Senator

- (D) Sherrod Brown

For Representative to Congress (12th District)

- (D) Bob Shamansky

For Representative to Congress (15th District)

- (D) Mary Jo Kilroy

For Justice of the Supreme Court

(Full Term Commencing 1/1/07)

- (D) William Michael O'Neill

(Full Term Commencing 1/2/07)

- (D) Ben Espy

For Judge of the Court of Appeals (10th District)

(Full Term Commencing 2/9/07)

- (D) Gary Tyack

(Full Term Commencing 2/10/07)

- (D) Peggy Bryant

For State Senator

3rd District—No Position

- (D) Emily Kreider
- (R) David Goodman

15th District

- (D) Ray Miller

For State Representative

19th District

- (D) Marian Harris

20th District

- (D) Beverly Campbell

22nd District

- (R) Jim Hughes

23rd District

- (R) Larry Wolpert

24th District

- (D) Ted Celeste

25th District

- (D) Dan Stewart

26th District

- (D) Tracy Heard

27th District

- (D) Joyce Beatty

For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

(Full Term commencing 1/3/2007)

- (R) Guy Reese

(Full Term commencing 1/4/2007)

- (R) David E. Cain

(Full Term commencing 1/6/2007)

- (R) John P. Bessey

(Full Term commencing 1/3/2007)

- (R) Charles A. Schneider

(Full Term commencing 1/8/2007)

- (D) Stephen L. McIntosh

(Unexpired Term ending 7/1/2009)

- (D) Tim Horton

(Unexpired Term ending 1/3/2011)

- (R) Pat Sheeran

(Full Term commencing 1/1/2007) – No Position

- (D) Elizabeth Gill
- (R) Colleen H. Briscoe

For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas—Domestic Division

(Full Term commencing 1/2/2007)

- (R) Jim Mason

(Full Term commencing 1/15/2007)

- (D) Carol Squire

For County Commissioner

- (D) Marilyn Brown

For County Auditor – No Position

- (D) Albert N. Donahey
- (R) Joe Testa

Join TBS

CEA encourages every teacher to become a member of Teachers for Better Schools (TBS). TBS is the separate, political action arm of Columbus Education Association. TBS advocates for the benefit of teachers and students in the political arena. The CEA process of endorsement is highly respected, and our support is



strongly desired by all candidates. A TBS committee screens candidates and then the full TBS Board votes on the recommendations. The recommendations of the TBS Board are forwarded to the CEA Board of Governors for a vote. The last step in the endorsement process is the vote of the Legislative Assembly on the recommended candidates.

In addition to candidate screening, TBS raises money for political candidates, levy and bond campaigns and other ballot issues affecting Columbus teachers and the school community. CEA does not use any dues money to promote individual candidates. For as little as \$1 per pay, you can become a sustaining member of TBS and make an impact on the decisions that politicians make about public education.

CEA fall elections

Members who are interested in official leadership positions in the Association may declare their candidacy for open seats now through Sept. 12. The following positions are open: Vice President, one High School At-Large Governor, two Middle School At-Large Governors, one Minority At-Large Governor and delegates and alternates to the OEA Representative Assemblies. Campaigning for these positions will take place from Sept. 13–22. Members will vote for candidates Sept. 26–Oct. 9. The CEA Elections Committee will tabulate the votes on Oct. 10. Your participation in the CEA elections is vital to our democratic process.

Free Fall Fling

It's new and it's for you! The Fall Fling is a time to gather together and start the new school year with a blast! Let's start off on a positive note. Every CEA member is invited to the CEA Fall Fling on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Aladdin Shrine Center from 4–8 p.m. The food and soft drinks are free. Beer and wine will cost \$1 per drink. Admission is free; however, a \$2 donation to Teachers for Better Schools (TBS) is suggested. CEA has extended the deadline to Sept. 7. Send your *RSVP* in today.



Know the contract

Article 205: Building Staff Meetings

All teachers assigned to a school building may be required to attend two regular building level staff/in-service meetings per month if called by the principal. Please note that there will be no early release days this school year. Staff meetings will normally be held on Mondays and will not extend beyond 45 minutes after the teacher workday. The principal must consult with the ABC for exceptions to this schedule. Exceptions are voluntary unless a majority of the staff has voted by secret ballot to require attendance at a particular meeting.

Except in case of an emergency, the principal should not schedule meetings on the first Thursday of each month during the regular school year. This provision allows CEA representatives to attend the monthly meetings of the Association.

Protecting your identity

Due to the concern of identity theft, the school district will no longer use Social Security numbers to identify employees using *Blackboard*. Each employee has been issued a new ID number. The numbers are random and start with the digit 1. Your ID number is the user name for *Blackboard*. Your password has not changed from last year. If you have forgotten your password, you may call Barry Stebbins at 365-6634 or 365-5271, and leave your ID number. He will reset the password, and you can set up a new one.

Participate in PAS

The Performance Advancement System (PAS) is a joint CEA/CPS initiative to encourage teachers to conduct classroom action research. Over the past five years more than 1,000 members have chosen to participate, and nearly \$1.5 million has been awarded in cash bonuses. Individual members can earn \$2,500 a year for achievement results.

An OSU Outreach class designed to support PAS participants is being offered this school year. The class will meet at the Whetstone Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library on Tuesdays throughout the school year. Registration is online from Aug. 28–Sept. 4. Direct questions to 365-8861. For details, see page 116 of the contract.

Religious leave

Members should take note of the provision in the CEA contract that grants teachers the right to take religious leave. A teacher may be absent, with pay, on a day identified by a duly constituted religious body as a religious holiday. In order to be granted the leave, the religious body must establish the holiday as a day no work can be performed, and the teacher must be an active member of the religious body. Requests for religious leave must be made at least five school days prior to the holiday. Teachers will be granted no more than three days during a school year. All requests for religious leave must be made to the CPS Department of Human Resources.

Editor's Correction: The Aug. 28, 2006, issue of *The Voice* gave an incorrect hourly rate of pay for latchkey teachers for the 2006–2007 school year. The hourly rate for latchkey teachers is \$27.87, not \$28.38. We apologize for this error.

Special notes

- Faculty Representatives and principals are reminded to attend the **kick-off and orientation for the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)** program on **Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 5–6:30 p.m.** at the Aladdin Shrine Center. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about PBIS and ongoing efforts to create a positive learning climate in every school.
- The annual **Walk-A-Thon for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF)** is set for **Sept. 9**. It will start at 7:45 a.m. at Wolfe Park. Call 221-5309 for more details.
- Project Help Clothing Ministry (PHCM)** has been a year round operation for the past 22 years. They are dedicated to helping families in crisis with donated items of clothing, toys, food, books for children, school supplies and household items. PHCM is planning a **Canned Food, Clothing & Toy Drive**, on **Saturday, Sept. 30**, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Great Western Shopping Center located at 3343 South Blvd.
- America's Walk for Diabetes** is the American Diabetes Association's annual walk to raise funds for research to find a cure and for programs to improve the lives of people with diabetes. This year's walk will take place on **Saturday, Sept. 30**, in North Bank Park (311 West Long Street). Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. **Call 1-888-DIABETES** to register, volunteer, donate or sponsor the event.

CEA Pre-Paid Legal Services Plan OEA/NEA Attorney Referral Program

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