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URGENT REMINDER!

Complete and Return your Dependent Verification Forms to MMSD

The District sent out dependent verification forms to all employees who are enrolled in an MMSD health insurance plan. The purpose of this form is to ensure that employees have the appropriate insurance plan and that dependents are appropriately covered. The District issued a deadline to complete and return this form by **February 28, 2020**. Failure to do so could result in the loss of dependent coverage. MTI will be working with the District to communicate with members who have not yet returned the forms as the deadline approaches. Do yourself a favor and get this information returned to MMSD as soon as possible. Contact MMSD Benefits (benefits@madison.k12.wi.us) with specific questions or to get another copy of the form.

MTI-Voters Endorse Candidates for Spring Election; Time to Get-Out-The-Vote

MTI-Voters members have confirmed MTI-Voters Committee **recommended endorsements for BOE Seats 6 and 7**, along with **Wisconsin Supreme Court**. The list of candidate endorsements, completed candidate questionnaires, and candidate websites are available at the **Elections-Spring 2020** tab on MTI's website: www.madisonteachers.org. All MTI-members who participate in the MTI-Voters political action committee have been sent info on the endorsements via e-mail.

Get-out-the-vote: Now that endorsements have been made, endorsed candidates will be looking to MTI members to help with get-out-the-vote activities including literature drops, canvassing, phone banks and other campaign events. BOE Seat 6 and Supreme Court will have a spring primary election on February 18. The general election is scheduled for April 7. GOTV opportunities will be shared with all MTI-Voters members and posted at the **Elections-Spring 2020** tab on MTI's website: www.madisonteachers.org.

****Important Deadlines****

Teacher Retirement & TERP Enrollment - **February 15, 2020**. Temporary reduction of contract with the right to return to full-time — **March 1, 2020**. **Note:** Employee Handbook deadlines that occur on weekends are extended to the following Monday.

**Be a Voter
Primary
Election
Tuesday,
February 18**



Join MTI-CENTRS Saturdays for Racial Justice Series

MTI-CENTRS is partnering with NEA's Human and Civil Rights Department to offer a series of racial justice-focused sessions. The next session, ***Why Restorative Justice?***, is **February 22**, from 8:30-3:30 p.m., at the Urban League of Greater Madison. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Sessions are led by national trainers and are **free to members**. Professional advancement credit is available. MTI Members attending 3 or more qualify for a stipend. MTI-CENTRS is an NEA GPS-funded grant. Questions? Contact Kerry Motoviloff at: kmotoviloff@madisonteachers.org. Signup at: <http://www.madisonteachers.org/mti-centrs/>.

Future topics include: March 7: *Understanding White Privilege and White Fragility*; March 21: *Facilitating Critical Conversations*; April 18: *Social Justice Teaching 101* (at the Goodman Center); and May 16: *Racial Equity Tools and Activism*.

Join Our Movement

When you join your colleagues as an MTI member, you are making a decision to ***stand together in solidarity on important issues that impact your profession, our schools, and our students***. MTI provides you with a voice in the workplace, with the School Board, and at the State Capitol. Click on the "JOIN" icon/link on the MTI webpage: (www.madisonteachers.org) for step-by-step directions.





**ESEA-MTI
Building Reps
Meeting
February 19, 4:15 p.m.,
MTI (33 Nob Hill Rd.)**

**Temporary Reduction of Contract with
Right to Return to Full-Time**

Addendum A, Section 3.09 of the Employee Handbook provides that full-time teachers who wish to work part-time may request to do so for a period of one (1) year, and shall have the right to return to a full-time regular contract at the end of such period. Requests for part-time contracts must be made in writing to the Department of Human Resources on or before **March 1** of the preceding school year. To be eligible to apply for contract reduction under this Section, a teacher must have completed five (5) years of service with the District as a teacher by the time the contract reduction will become effective. **Note:** Employee Handbook deadlines that occur on weekends are extended to the following Monday.

**2020 WEAC Representative Assembly,
April 25, in Wisconsin Dells;
Become an MTI Delegate**

MTI is seeking teacher members to serve as MTI delegates to the WEAC Representative Assembly on April 25. Nominations will open at the Faculty Representative Council meeting on March 17. If you or a teacher member you know is interested in being nominated, submit their name at the Council meeting or e-mail MTI President Andy Waity at: awaity@madisonteachers.org.

The WEAC RA is a one-day meeting in the Wisconsin Dells (Chula Vista) this year. This meeting sets the agenda for the work of the state union for the next year. This is a great way to stay informed and be involved in your state-wide union.

Wear Your MTI Red

Wear your MTI red at school and in the community to make a positive statement about public education and educators. Show **SOLIDARITY!** Wear **MTI RED** on **MONDAYS** and **MTI lanyards** every day!

MTI Cares' Bowl-A-Thon

Sunday, April 19, 2020
from 12-3 p.m., at
Village Lanes in Monona
(208 Owen Road)
Sign up on the MTI website.



MTI Membership Opportunities

The following meetings, seminars, and workshops are available to all MTI members.

**MTI & WEA Member Benefits:
Financial Services for all MTI Members**

MTI and WEA Member Benefits will be providing more opportunities to enhance the financial well-being of all *MTI members and non-members*. Check the MTI website (www.madisonteachers.org) to sign-up for seminars.

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In addition, *for members only*, **Steve Pike** (retired teacher and current WEA Member Benefits Consultant) is available for a **free 60-minute financial consultation**. This is ideal if you are just getting started, have specific questions, or would like a quick check-in. It's a convenient way to meet with someone face-to-face to get some general help or guidance. Consultations are held at MTI Headquarters.

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MTI National Board Certification Training Workshops for Teachers. MTI members pursuing National Board Certification are invited to participate in monthly NBC support workshops. The next session is **February 12**, at 5:30 p.m., at MTI.

MTI members in need of assistance: See your MTI Faculty Representative or contact MTI staff (608-257-0491 or mti@madisonteachers.org) should you have a question or need assistance with **any work-related matter**.

Calendar of Events

MTI Special Education Sub-Committee
February 10, 4:00 p.m., MTI

MTI Board of Directors
February 11, 4:30 p.m., MTI

Handbook ESEA Work Group
February 12, 4:00 p.m., MTI

Handbook Planning Time/Scheduling
February 13, 4:30 p.m., MTI

Primary Election—VOTE!
February 18

ESEA Building Representatives
February 19, 4:15 p.m., MTI

MTI Handbook/Bargaining Committee
February 19, 4:30 p.m., MTI

USO-MTI General Meeting
February 20, 4:15 p.m., MTI

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