

October Report Elementary West Officer

1. **Email Address**- My email address is lsherman@psea.org or you can call me at 610-914-4666.
2. **REA Website**- Please visit our website at www.readingea.com.
3. **2nd Annual Fall Festival At Eastern Region**- Saturday, November 5th is the 2nd Annual Fall Festival at Eastern Region from 11:00-2:00. It is also our First Chili Cook Off. The winner will receive a FREE overnight stay at the Eastern Region Leadership Conference at Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Spa on March 10th, 2017. I hope to see you there. If you can help the day of the event let me know.
4. **I Want To Attend Your Meetings**- I would like to come to each building for either your monthly building meeting or your monthly meeting with your principal. This may be a way to open up communications to all. Send me an email with dates for your member meetings and monthly meeting with your administration. Thank you **Northwest** for including me in your first meeting with your new principal. I will be going to **Millmont** tomorrow and to **Riverside** for their monthly meeting with their administrators.
5. **Lesson Plans**- There is Board Policy that states that we must have complete lesson plans for one day and skeletal plans for the following two days. If you do not, **it is an automatic unsatisfactory rating for your observation**. There is nothing that the union can do for you in your defense.
6. **KEI**- The Kindergarten teachers will get release time from upcoming in-services to complete the work required.
7. **Online Training**- You will be given time to complete your computer on-line requirements during in-service time. You are not required to do this on your own time. Please make sure you check to see if you have your required hours on the PDE website.
8. **Chain of Command**- The chain of command is as follows:
 - Teachers go to their Building Rep with their issues.
 - The Building Rep is the first one to discuss the issue with the principal to try to get a resolution. If the situation could be a grievance, I need to be at the meeting as well. The new contract language has changed and Level 1 and Level 2 of the old contract have been combined to help get the grievances resolved quicker.
9. **Legislative Update**

HB 1082 – Support - The proposed bill would eliminate the double standard which currently applies to employee safety in Pennsylvania and apply federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) standards to public employees.

HB 1834 – Support w/ Amendments – House Bill 1834 amends the Public School Code to require professional educators providing secondary transition services to complete continuing professional education (CPE) credits developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

HB 2057 – Oppose unless Amended – HB 2057 amends the Public School Code to require that school districts obtain a written confirmation from each student's parent or guardian that the student has received a brain health and mental health checkup before the student reaches the age of 14. This would only be for public schools. There can be false positive tests.

HB 2269 – Support – HB 2269 amends the Public School Code to require that public schools disclose information about the discipline of a student enrolled in the public school to parties other than the student's parent or guardian, without consent if permitted under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The proposed legislation would require that public schools without consent, disclose to appropriate parties including parents of other students, information concerning the discipline of an enrolled student who school officials determine poses an articulable and significant threat to the health and safety of the person requesting the disclosure or to the child of the requestor. The requirement would only be applicable in an emergency when the student discipline information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or others. Additionally, the bill would require disclosure only if the conduct of the student at issue has resulted in criminal, juvenile delinquency proceedings, or in referral to a diversion program (e.g. Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or ARD).

SB 1307 – Support and Seek Amendment – Senate Bill 1307 would prohibit discrimination because of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression in housing, employment and commercial property.

SB 1316 – Support - Senate Bill 1316 would prohibit discrimination because of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression in public accommodations, housing accommodation, and commercial property.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Sherman