

8. October Report  
Elementary West Officer

1. **Email Address**- My email address is [lsheerman@psea.org](mailto:lsheerman@psea.org) or you can call me at 610-914-4666.
2. **REA Website**- Please visit our website at [www.readingea.com](http://www.readingea.com).
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Festival At Eastern Region**- Saturday, November 11th is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Festival at Eastern Region from 11:00-2:00. It is also our Second 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. I hope to see you there. If you can help the day of the event let me know.
4. **State Delegates to the NEA-RA** – Applications for state delegate to get on the ballot are found in the newest PSEA VOICE. You can also go to <http://www.pageturnpro.com/PSEA/80672-Voice-September-2017/default.html#page/24> . Forms are due on OCTOBER 20th at 4:30.
5. **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 **10<sup>th</sup> and Green** for having Rebecca and me at your recent building meeting.
6. **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.
7. **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.
  - If you do not know an answer, call me.
8. **Legislative Update**
  - **House Bill 1513** amends Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) to provide for the payment of a partial and temporary supplemental annuity (COLA) to certain annuitants in the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) who retired before Act 9 of 2001 took effect on July 2, 2001. – support with amendment (want to include option 4 participants, retirees pre-2001 would get a 4% increase over 4 years only)
  - **HB 1386** would amend the Public School Code by establishing instructional certificate grade spans and age levels which are very similar to the levels established for teachers certified before January 1, 2013. -support
  - **HB 1359** would amend the Public School Code to add requirements for students participating in firefighter and emergency services training programs and to eliminate school district responsibility for costs. – support
  - **HB 912** amends the Public School Code to establish rules and procedures which apply when a school entity wants to exhibit an "R" or "NC-17" rated film. – oppose
  - **House Bill 1308** amends the Public School Code to make changes around mandatory expulsion for firearms, other student discipline, limitations on expulsion and qualifications for Disruptive Student Programs. – support with amendments (this does not impact students with IEPs, "Disruptive student." A student who poses a clear threat to the safety and welfare of other students or the school staff, who creates an unsafe school environment or whose behavior materially interferes with the learning of other students or disrupts the overall educational process. The disruptive student exhibits to a marked degree any or all of the following conditions: (i) Disregard for school authority, including persistent violation of school policy and rules. (ii) Display or use of controlled substances on school property or during school-affiliated activities. (iii) Violent or threatening behavior on school property or during

school-affiliated activities. (iv) Possession of a weapon on school property, as defined under 18 Pa.C.S. § 912 (relating to possession of weapon on school property). (v) Commission of a criminal act on school property or during school-affiliated activities. (vi) Misconduct that would merit suspension or expulsion under school policy.)

- **HB 1498** amends the Public School Code to require that school entities adopt a policy and procedure for notifying parents of students who are involved in school safety incidents, which must be reported to the state or who otherwise incur serious injury. – support with amendments
- **HB 1345** amends Title 24 (Education) by adding a new chapter establishing requirements for student data privacy and protection. – oppose
- Senate Bill 540 would amend the Public School Code to mandate that school districts excuse students from school attendance to participate in a musical performance for a national veterans’ group. - support
- **HB 1639** would amend the Public School Code by authorizing a vocational-technical school to assign a licensed professional nurse (LRN) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN) to administer medication to a student under the supervision of the school nurse employed by the district in which the area vocational school is located. – oppose
- **House Bill 1228** amends the Public School Code to address sun protection measures for students during the school day and at school-sponsored activities. – oppose unless amended, then neutral
- **SB 22**, a Joint Resolution, proposes an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution regarding the Legislative Reapportionment Commission. – no position
- **SB 608** amends the Election Code to provide for automatic voter registration for Pennsylvanians who apply for employment or governmental services or benefits with any state agency, while requiring notice of the registration and of the opportunity to opt-out. – support
- **Senate Bill 555** amends the Tax Reform Code to reduce the personal income tax rate on “active income” (compensation and interest) beginning in 2018, while increasing the personal income tax rate on “passive income” (net profits, gains, dividends, lottery winnings). – support

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Sherman