

**President's Report – November 2016**

**...1,452...FINALLY!**

Mitch Hettinger, President.....[president@readingea.com](mailto:president@readingea.com)

*With professionalism and integrity, we fight for our teachers and those students we teach...*

**IMPROVISE, ADAPT, OVERCOME**

**FACTS ARE NOT LIES...LIES ARE NOT FACTS...KNOW THE DIFFERENCE  
THE TRUTH IS INCONTROVERTIBLE. MALICE MAY ATTACK IT, IGNORANCE MAY  
DERIDE IT, BUT IN THE END THERE IT IS. Winston Churchill**

- **STANDING COMMITTEES: Chairperson REPORTS (attached)**
- **I am writing this on Election Day, right around the strike of noon. I have just done my most important job as a citizen, VOTE! There are way too many countries around this planet whose citizens do not have that right, that freedom, or that ability to vote. Every year we, the citizens of the United States of America, get the opportunity to change our government, without a coup de tat, without a junta, without firing a shot, without a military uprising. WE get to change our government by flipping a lever, pushing a button, marking a ballot, punching a hole, or putting a folded piece of paper into a box. We get the opportunity to do that each and every year. There are countries who have never done that, ever! We get to do it every 365 days! Wow! That, in and of itself is the everlasting legacy of the American citizen. How our government works is solely up to us, the American citizen. Us...Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public. Sometimes we get it right, sometimes we get it wrong, but all the time we get to do it and by not voting, by not exercising your most precious right is when many of the bad things that have happened, have happened. VOTE! It makes all the difference in our democratic republic. Whatever happens at the end of today, we live with for four years, for six years, for two years and then we get a chance to do it again, to fix it. What a great country we live in. We don't need to make America great again; it already is great just because we have the right to do it...VOTE! Thank you to all of those who voted today. You are why America is great and will remain that way.**
- **COMMENTARY:**  
**“We endeavor to persevere.” I will reserve these comments until the Rep Council meeting so we know what the results are by that time.**

Nov/Dec 2016 Calendar

- 11/10 Rep Council meeting @ Vo-Tech @ 4:00 pm
- 11/11 Pay adjustment for 2016-2017
- 11/14-18 American Education Week
- 11/17 BCEA @ BCIU @ 5:30 pm
- 11/21-23 Act 80 Days/conference week
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/25-28 Holiday vacation
- 12/1 SAC 4 pm
- 12/2-3 PSEA Winter House of Delegates, Pittsburgh
- 12/7 StandComm meeting @ 4 pm
- 12/15 Executive Board/Rep Council meeting @ Vo-Tech @ 4 pm

*Thank you for doing the important work of our noble Association*

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**WHEN the LEGEND BECOMES FACT, PRINT the LEGEND**

**The ignorance of one voter in  
a democracy impairs the  
security of all.** John F. Kennedy