

Tribute

This past week we lost a valued member of our REA community. Bonnie Sawyer just retired this fall and was looking forward to new adventures. She worked in the district for the past 25 years. She was an active REA member, serving as an FR and member of the REA Executive Board. She was a strong advocate for her students and the program she was connected to through the years. We had many conversations as she would educate me on the needs of different programs and worked extensively with Tucker Quetone to craft language regarding ABE. Please keep Bonnie and her family in your thoughts. Bonnie will definitely be missed by all she interacted with!

Negotiations

Our team met last night with the district and received their counteroffer. They did raise their offer to 2% and 1.15% along with steps/lanes and the increase in the 403b. This raises their package offer from 4.8% to 6.1%. Our team will take this offer and work on a response over break. Our team will meet for a half day on January 5, so that we can bring back our response at our January 5 negotiations session.

Please get through this day and then unplug for the rest of break! You all deserve the time to rest, relax and spend time with family. I appreciate all you do and thank you for all your work!

Happy Holidays!

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