

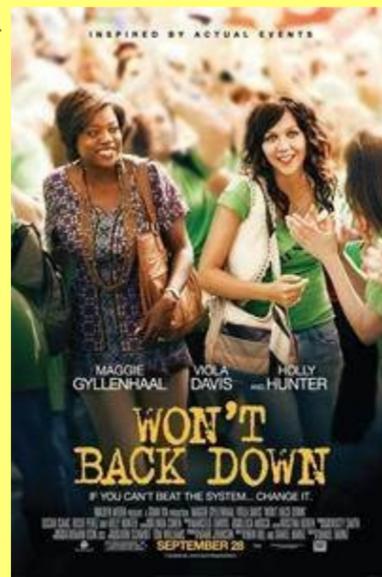
News and Updates from Professional Educators of Iowa

Last week we announced the new facility and asked for your help in equipping it for optimal use. Your response has been terrific and we are making progress. We have just ordered the window shades and a badly needed computer! Thanks to everyone for all you are doing. We have updated the [donation form](#) and ask that you continue to ponder, pray, and/or consider how you can help PEI.

As an update, we continue to be a growing organization in the education community. The new registrations are coming in so strong that the postings are about three weeks behind even with all the overtime put in for entries. This is an area you can help the new members in your district; share the newsletter with everyone until they tell you that they are receiving it. We want to be in communication with everyone and sincerely regret and hate the thought of anyone falling through a crack. Also, as you are talking with potential new members, always remember that with PEI there is not a cutoff date. Every person is a member for a full year from the date of our receipt of their application. That is a unique PEI feature to serve individuals and their circumstances.

We recently were invited to an early screening of a new education based movie, "Won't Back Down." [Click here](#) to read my full review of the movie. Although I naturally have my reservations, I see it as inspirational and revealing. Overall, I believe it exposes what we hear from so many of our members concerning the frustrations of **being able to teach!**

Next week, PEI is meeting with Department of Education Director, Jason Glass. We want to hear you and will express your concerns. Help us update them NOW! Email us your concerns, stories, frustrations, likes, dislikes, or suggestions to proedia@aol.com. I would love to have a packet of suggestions and comments on any and all topics.



I just had a conversation with the Coalition Director for Governor Mitt Romney. He wants to meet you and hear what you have to say and need as educators. Specifics will be shared as soon as we have them. As you know, whichever the political party Republican or Democrat, we cooperate in a non-partisan manner to bring everyone together for a meaningful dialogue.

Finally, we have included the [2012-2013 shows](#) as well as the latest performance, [Stomp](#) at the Civic Center. Make sure you utilize the PEI discount. Please note; we would love to have a discount program with organizations across the state from Sioux City and Council Bluffs to Dubuque and all others. If you have any contact information we will pursue cost savings for your area of the state.



Building Project

[Help us](#) get the PEI Offices to optimum use as soon as possible.



Our Review

Everyone has an opinion and [here](#) is mine for your consideration. Let us hear what you think after you have seen the movie.



Stomp at Des Moines Civic Center

Enjoy a fast paced musical with the PEI [discount](#).

Remember we are rewarding our members with \$20 for every new Professional member that they bring into PEI. Keep telling others about PEI. The more we grow the stronger our voice and the better we can serve.

We sincerely hope that you are in a comfortable groove and enjoying your students and profession.

Sincerely,

Jim Hawkins, State Director

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