



PEI

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OF IOWA

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NEW!

Health Club Benefit!



Four Seasons Health Club in Sioux City, Iowa is offering 50% off regular rates for PEI members and their immediate family.

Contact the PEI office for more information!

From the Hill



The following is a brief update on proposed legislation which impacts K-12 education in our state.

HF 306 State School Aid (SSA)

HF 307 Transportation/Formula Equity

The first pieces of legislation signed into law by Governor Reynolds were focused on education. **HF 306** sets the per pupil rate increase at **2.06%**. This percentage was slightly lower than the Governor had proposed in her State of the State Address. At the same time, this early action is welcomed by school leaders charged with establishing budgets for the following year. For FY 2020, the state cost per pupil is set at \$6,875, an increase of \$139 per pupil.

HF 307 sets a standing limited appropriation of \$19 million for transportation costs, up from \$8 million in grants for FY 2019. While transportation costs may not be a priority in your district, these dollars should benefit at least **190** districts in our state. Additionally, **HF 307** increases the state cost per pupil by **\$5** to reduce further the present gap between state and district costs per pupil. This legislation is a move in the right direction; however, it does not create equity. At the current rate of \$5/year, it will take **30+ years** before transportation equity is realized. Expect to read more about school transportation costs in the future.

Again, if you would like to learn more about any piece of legislation, please see the following link.

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/billTracking>

Finally, please remember to participate as your voice makes a difference! If you need to confirm who is representing your interests at the State House, please see the following link.

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

YET ANOTHER REASON TO JOIN PEI!



Discounts to PEI members for

Legal Shield and Identity Shield!

Log in to the member area of the PEI website or contact the PEI office for more information.

The Right Response

In education, it is said that a teacher makes about 1,500 decisions each day. What happens, especially during this time of year, when fatigue sets in or when you find yourself face to face with a difficult issue?

We have listed a couple of basic principles to help buy some time and aid in putting your thoughts together before you answer:

Listen and pay attention to what the person is saying.

Repeat the question back to the person to be sure you understand exactly what they are asking.

Slow down the conversation. It is okay to tell them you need a moment to think. We call this a "pregnant pause." The silence allows you to prepare a proper answer.

If you are not sure of the answer, simply state, "I'm not sure how to answer this," or "I'm not certain I totally understand your question." Talking less puts you at an advantage.

Breathe. That may sound ridiculous, but as your thoughts are racing and the pressure is building, it is very important to breathe slowly to try and calm the situation.

So many times we only have one chance to get it right. Not blurting out immediately may take practice. Rehearsing how to respond could save your career!

Paying Monthly?

Even though **PEI dues are by far the most affordable career protection you can purchase**, some people still find it difficult to come up with \$240 at one time. The alternative is to pay your dues in monthly installments.



The option of paying for dues via ACH is open to all our members. Contact the office for more information.

**NEW BENEFIT!
HEARING AID DISCOUNT**



- Free no-obligation hearing screening
- 35% off Concept C series smart hearing devices
- 40% off Concept M series devices
- 45% off Concept 2 series devices
- Plus much more! Your membership in PEI allows for children, spouse, parents and grandparents to access these benefits. Call the PEI office at 515-221-2330 for your discount card today.

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NEW Scholarship Offerings!



2019 scholarship awards are posted on our website! Changes include:

Child of PEI Member has been renamed to the **College Book Award**. Ten \$100 awards will be granted to high school seniors continuing their education. This award continues as a drawing.

PEI License Renewal Credit Class Half Price Award was formerly our Professional Development Scholarship. This year up to \$1000 will be granted to attendees applying for the scholarship.

Over \$5000 is offered in scholarship for the 2019 scholarship awards. Details can be found on our website at www.peiowa.org/about/peif-scholarships/

How is Your Work Changing Students Long-term?

Who would you say was your best teacher? We all have them! And for most of us, it is not difficult to quickly identify those teachers who made a difference in our lives.

A teacher's impact on student success far exceeds the tests they complete for graduation! Read more at www.edutopia.org/article/understanding-teachers-long-term-impact

PEI Summer Baseball Trip

Wednesday July 17, 2019

Milwaukee Brewers vs. Atlanta Braves



The PEI Summer Baseball Bus Trip is BACK! Come one, come all, to see one of the great rivalries in Major League Baseball. The Atlanta Braves are coming to Milwaukee to face the Brewers for a day contest on Wednesday July 17, 2019. **Order your tickets before March 1, to secure tickets at the discounted price of \$110.** The price includes transportation, wonderful infield loge seats, and great fellowship with other PEI members and friends. Start time for the game is 1 pm. Since beautiful Miller Park has a retractable roof, there is no possibility of a rain out. You can order your tickets by calling the PEI office at (515) 221-2330.



Save 10%



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