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1.5% Bonus

- The 1.5% bonus will be in one lump sum in the November paycheck for all certified and classified (ESP) staff on level pay. YEAH!
- Working with the district, we had some difficulty figuring out the best way to pay the bonus to ESP staff paid on blue time cards because the hours worked in any given month typically change. In an effort to ensure staff members are not overpaid (meaning you would have to pay it back) or underpaid, ESP staff on blue time cards will be paid the 1.5% bonus for the entire year at the end of the school year.

Membership:

- Membership is in full swing and we need your help.
- Please make membership a priority and talk to nonmembers in your building. We will only show our unity with our membership.
- This is not my Association or your Association. It is our Association and we must work together.
- Send in your forms today!

Continuing Education Scholarship Program:

- The negotiations team bargained \$180,000 to be paid for scholarship reimbursement in the contract.
- Currently, the district has paid out \$115,000. We anticipate the remaining \$65,000 will be depleted with the fall courses.
- Since the new money will not be available until after July 1, the district will offer the 2010 summer courses primarily in July and August.

B Team Meeting:

- Our next B Team meeting will be held on November 9th at 4:30 p.m. at Meridian High School (1900 W Pine) in the south cafeteria.
- Please encourage ESP staff at your site to join us!
- Don't forget to RSVP to twaltner@idahoea.org so we have a sufficient amount of food.

Dress Code:

- The task force will be meeting next week. If you have input you would like me to take to the meeting please let me know by Monday morning.

Children's Fund:

- Send any money you raise to Tricia at the MEA office so we can track it for the building competition.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Oct. 22nd- Living Wage planning committee meeting (more information to come)
- Oct. 30th - Building team credit registration deadline
- Oct. 30th - Certified membership forms due in our office
- Nov. 2nd - Executive Board Meeting 4:15 @ MEA
- Nov. 9th - Building Team Meeting @ Meridian High School 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Thanks for all you do for our Association and your students!