

July 2, 2020

July & August

LICENSE RENEWAL CLASSES

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2020 Annual PEI Conference and Leadership Seminar Canceled

Many of you have inquired as to the plans for the annual PEI Conference and Leadership Seminar which was scheduled for August 7-8, 2020. Out of concern for the health and safety of our members, we have made the decision to cancel this year's conference. We did consider a variety of solutions; however, each of them required us to significantly limit the number of those who could participate.

For now, mark your calendars for **Friday, August 6, 2021!** We look forward to seeing you at our conference next year!

*For those of you who enjoy the silent auction we conduct each year, we have not forgotten about you! We plan to hold a **virtual auction** this summer/fall - look for additional information in our August newsletter!

Our staff will be meeting with the PEI Board this fall concerning next steps for the annual board election and our annual membership meeting. We will make an announcement later as to whether-or-not these two events will be held.

UNIQUELY WIRED:

CREATING A (DYSLEXIA) FRIENDLY CLASSROOM JULY 9-10

Elizabeth Hoksbergen

This course will provide a thorough investigation of the five cognitive-linguistic domains most commonly associated with dyslexia as well as how to design instructional supports for students with deficits in these areas.

ETHICAL EDUCATORS July 13-14

Terry Gladfelter
Bryan Stearns

With the increase in litigation and risk, it is important for educators to know the legal and ethical boundaries while working with students.

Return to Learn

Return to Learn. On March 15, 2020, few of us were considering the significance of those 3 words. Fifteen weeks later, those words have been contextualized and have taken center stage in our workplace conversations - for you and for those of us who serve and support you. Professional Educators of Iowa will not be issuing an official statement on the **Reopening Guidance for Schools** put forth by the Department of Education. We continue to monitor and to make sense of the guidance shared by experts at the Centers for Disease Control, the Iowa Department of Public Health and our leaders at the Department of Education.

To be certain, we maintain the most important element in an effective classroom is a *healthy teacher*. This pandemic has served as a reminder that your personal health and safety needs are not part of the bargaining process. However, they are addressed through local policy and considered on an individual basis. Fortunately, your advocates at PEI understand policy decisions and are well-versed in connecting interests shared by labor and management. We successfully create win-win solutions every day.

Each district in the state has submitted its first draft of a **Return to Learn Plan**. Please familiarize yourself with this document, and please feel free to share suggestions/concerns with your local administration. No one has navigated these waters before, and they should welcome your feedback. If they have not done so already, you might consider a simple suggestion for your leaders to survey staff members to determine the need for personal protective equipment in your district/building.

Finally, if you have a pre-existing health condition, or live with someone who does, please share this information with your local administration. If you believe your concerns are being overlooked or dismissed, please contact our offices immediately. Workplace accommodations are available, and our staff stands ready to support you.

ZOOM CLASS ONLY

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR TEACHERS

JULY 21-22

Mike Johnson

As a former educator at Southeast Polk, Mike understands financial planning through the lens of a teacher and now as a financial planner. His expertise will provide financial knowledge that is practical for those who are entering education to those thinking about retirement.

SF 2360 Signed into Law!



Governor Reynolds signed SF 2360 into law Monday, June 29, 2020. This law was introduced to protect teachers in the classroom from violence. A special thank you to Senator Amy Sinclair who introduced the bill after meeting with PEI representatives and to the many educators who petitioned their legislators on behalf of this bill.

New License Renewal Class!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

IN OUR SCHOOLS

JULY 28-29

Stephanie Olson, Yolanda Harden and

Barb Ranck

This course will provide awareness, education, and resources for educators to recognize and appropriately respond to trafficking scenarios they may encounter in the schools and communities in which they serve.

Through lecture, video, facilitated discussions and a survivor testimony, those attending will learn:

- Human trafficking - what it is and what it is not.
- How to educate through a trauma-informed lens.
- How to create protocol when a student discloses.
- How to educate other educators and students using available curriculum on:
 - Facts vs. Myths.
 - Common Vulnerabilities.
 - Social Media and Other Grooming Techniques.
 - Pornography's Link to Trafficking.
 - Healthy Relationships & Value.
 - Empathy & Responsibility

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NEW License Renewal Class!

UNLEASH YOUR GENIUS MODE!

August 6-7

Davis Dubczak

Zoom Only

Do you have students struggle to think outside the box? When you give your students an example, do they wind up just copying the example? How many of your students think they're geniuses? The good news is, we all have an internal "Genius Mode" we can turn on! Geniuses are good at a few specific creative thinking skills, and these are skills that should be taught and incorporated into our classrooms. In this course, learn how to Activate the Genius Modes of you and your students through the power of intentional creative thinking! Learn how creativity works, and the thought processes and strategies anyone can use to create like geniuses.

CAREER SAVERS

JULY 23-24

Nathan Arnold,
Terry Gladfelter,
Bryan Stearns

Topics covered will be classroom management, Code of Professional Ethics, teacher evaluations, legal issues, master contracts, teacher handbooks, school board policy, effective communication skills, and documentation.



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Membership Dues Adjustment Beginning August 1, 2020

One of the responsibilities of the PEI Board of Directors is to annually evaluate our dues structure. PEI has maintained the current dues structure for six years! After much discussion the board voted to raise dues \$4.00/month.

This dues adjustment will take place on August 1, 2020. Prior to the August 1 date we will offer a **BUY-IN opportunity** to extend the current rate (\$240/yr) from 1-5 additional years without changing your anniversary date. You can renew your membership anytime prior to August 1, 2020 by calling our office at 515-221-2330, or online at peiowa.org/membership/register/. If you currently are on monthly ACH/EFT payments, simply email us at info@peiowa.org and let us know you want to extend your membership one more year at the \$20/month rate!

The PEI Recruitment Promotion will continue! The past several years we have offered \$120 for every new Professional member recruited by a current PEI member. As of August 1, 2020, we will offer \$144 for every new Professional member brought into PEI.

If you have a credit on your account now, rejoin prior to August 1 to take full advantage of your PEI credit!

More than ever before, it is imperative that teachers and all other school employees understand how important it is to have professional representation and legal protection. Your continued membership and sharing the great news of PEI to others continues to strengthen our statewide influence.

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