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Sick Leave Bank Enrollment Ends September 30

Every year there are people who need extended leave for health reasons and run into financial difficulty because they did not participate in the Sick Leave Bank. Earlier this month, the District sent an email to all teachers with instructions on how to enroll in the Sick Leave Bank. We highly recommend that every teacher participate in the Sick Leave Bank, and hope you will take advantage of this voluntary employee benefit that has been bargained and is a part of the Master Agreement by enrolling no later than September 30. If you would like to check to see if you are a member of the Bank, you may use People Soft. If you have questions, please contact Andrea Palos in Human Resources at 520-2185.

Follow Up On The School Readiness Scorecard

CSEA would like your feedback on your school's Readiness Scorecard. Briefly, what was handled and what was not? What is working and what is not? We aren't looking for big data sets. We just want to know what is okay, what isn't, and how you've tried to deal with it. You can send us your input [here](#).

Honoring The 2020 Crystal Apple Award Recipients

This week we would like to share a bit about **Becca Daugherty (Fremont)**, who was one of the 2020 Crystal Apple Award Recipients. Here's a glimpse at Becca:

I have been teaching for 10 years. I have a masters in Curriculum and Instruction and I am currently enrolled in my second masters for Educational Leadership. My favorite quote is "To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world." I hope that the students I come in contact with throughout my career realize how truly special they are to me. I've served on a number of committees at Fremont and I was also on the Fremont PTA Board as the secretary for the last 2 years. I had an amazing student teacher when I was in 3rd grade at Lincoln Elementary and she is the reason I teach today. I hope to impact students the way Ms. Miller impacted me.

Yikes! We Apologize

We would like to apologize to **Carla Moore, Scott Elementary**, for making a mistake in her name in last week's *Union Pulse*. Congratulations, **Carla**, for being awarded the Mountain West's College Football Playoff's Foundation "Extra Yard for Teachers Week" recently.

Announcements

It's National Hispanic Heritage Month

The month long (September 15 – October 15) celebration celebrates the culture and contributions of Hispanic Americans. NEA has suggestions by grade level for incorporating the celebration in the classroom [here](#), and The National Hispanic Heritage Month site has many additional resources [here](#).

Articles Of Note

[Mask Fatigue and No High-Fives: Teachers Discuss the Hardest Parts of In-Person School During COVID-19](#)

[We Need It Now More Than Ever—Challenge Your Class to Become Certified Kind](#)

[More social studies in elementary school may produce better readers, new study suggests](#)

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