CAUS Chalkboard: Over 200 Recertification Petitions Filed

For Wisconsin school districts without a contract for this year, September 30 was the filing deadline for unions to recertify. At least 212 WEAC locals did so, paying between $200 and $2000 to participate in the process. The Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) will conduct elections in those locals, requiring 51% of ALL possible voters to cast YES votes in order to recertify. WEAC has told locals it would support them in whatever decision they make about recertification. Local unions with a contract in place don't have to go through the process this year. That includes all the locals in CAUS-North.

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District Legal Protection--Maybe

Does your District's liability policy cover you? Will its attorneys represent you if you have a problem? Maybe. Most are written in such a way that you are covered if you are acting "within the scope" of your job responsibilities. It turns out this is a potentially large loophole. For example, if two kids start fighting and the district has a policy that the teacher should intervene as a last resort, it's very easy for the district to claim you acted too quickly and deny coverage. Moreover, if your interests in the incident differ from your principal's interests, will you still be covered? Maybe. Union representatives at CAUS, attorneys at WEAC, and your NEA Liability Policy have no such conflicts. Call us if you need help.

Do You Need Money For a Project?

The NEA Foundation has partnered with DonorsChoose.org and is providing matching funds for your project requests for classroom materials and other learning needs.

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