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*This is an 11.29
communication with
WEAC members, Federal
Statute CFR 100.8 (b) (4)*

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Legislative Dinner
Monday, March 15, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
Millhome Supper Club, Kiel

This year's topic:	Legislators Attending:
◆ Race to the Top	◆ Senator Joe Leibham
◆ Long Term Solution to School Funding	◆ Rep. Terry Van Akkeren
	◆ Rep. Bob Ziegelbauer
	◆ Rep. Steve Kestell
	◆ Rep. Ted Zigmunt

*****State Superintendent, Tony Evers will also be attending*****

Locals asked to engage in School Funding Reform

Last year, WEAC began the process of educating Wisconsin's citizens regarding the need for school funding reform by partnering with the education community to create the School Finance Network. It's time to build on that momentum and take action to engage the community and lawmakers regarding the need for school funding reform.

Local leaders are being asked to engage in three steps before the end of the 2009-10 school year.

1. *Local Assessment and Resolution:* Locals are asked to assess their district to identify the effect the current school funding system has on their students. This process should be used to engage members about the impact of funding on their

school as well as to educate the community and lawmakers about those real-life effects.

2. *Community Action:* The week of April 19–23 is Education Forward Action Week. Each local is asked to engage in one community action to build solidarity and highlight the need for school funding reform statewide.

3. *Legislative Action:* Before the end of the 2009-10 school year, each local is asked to engage in one legislative action. By engaging with legislators about the real-life effect of the current funding system on our students, we can ensure our lawmakers will be ready to discuss school funding reform in the 2011 Legislative Session.

Are you confused when receiving a call from KMUC that your caller ID shows a 608 area code number?

Effective December 1, 2009, a new phone system was installed at KMUC. This change was investigated last spring as a cost saving measure for our budget. WEAC was able to give us the opportunity to have a new phone system installed which would be linked through them and not be a cost to KMUC. This eliminated all phone costs to KMUC except for our fax line.

The phone system is set up so that any time we make an outgoing call, we are accessing a line through WEAC which will have a 608 area code. If you try to call the number shown in your caller ID you will get the receptionist at WEAC. She can forward you directly to the person you want to speak with or simply ask for the KMUC office and you will be transferred to Sarah.

Please remember our new phone number is 1-800-967-9322. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah.

KMUC Board Report, February 15, 2010

Stacy Gloede, Vice President

Members of the KMUC Board met February 15, with 21 members present.

The Legislative Dinner will be held Monday, March 15 at Millhome Supper Club. Locals should be building a crowd. Legislators who have confirmed are Steve Kestell, Terry Van Akkeren, Bob Ziegelbauer, Ted Zigmunt and Joe Leibham. The topic this year is Race to the Top. Legislators will be asked to respond to the following question, "Since most school districts used the stimulus money and now, potentially, the Race to the Top grants to fill existing budget short

falls, what do you see as the long term solution to school funding?"

A facilitated meeting was held February 2, with the KMUC Executive Committee and members of the Port Washington EA and ESP to discuss possibly affiliating with KMUC. The meeting went well. Port Washington will meet with their members to decide on affiliation. Then, the affiliation must be acted upon by the KMUC Board and the KMUC Representative Assembly.

The Emerging Voices training has been set for Wednesday, April 21. A letter will be sent out the middle of March to those recom-

mended for the training. The training will take place at the KMUC office and those invited will be able to bring a "buddy" if they want.

The WEA Trust is recommending making an amendment to their Agreement to become one of the companies in the State Plan. This would make it possible to offer insurance to other entities in the state such as state and local government employees. This will be voted on at the February WEAC Board meeting.

WEAC Board Report, February 19 & 20, 2010

Lei Lund, Phil Knier, Tara Leithold

The WEAC Board met on February 19 and 20. Here are the highlights:

Wisconsin Way, a coalition of which WEAC has been a part since its inception several years ago, has released the first draft of its Blueprint for Change 2.0. It contains some very exciting recommendations in three areas: economic development, tax reform and modernization, and government spending, management reform, and modernization. The purpose of the proposed changes is to increase the state's revenue and to improve the quality of public services, including public education, in Wisconsin. The Blueprint, which is available on www.wisconsinway.org should generate some good conversations.

W3, a collaboration of WEAC, WASDA, and WASB, has developed

a **Description of Student Success** in an effort to help districts define and clarify what is meant by "student success." The definition includes the following competencies: a complex thinker, a self-directed learner, a knowledgeable person, a healthy person, an effective communicator, a collaborative worker, and a socially responsible citizen. Listed under each competency is a list of descriptive characteristics. The description also includes Principles for Measurement of the characteristics. Using this description as a starting point, districts are encouraged to begin collaborative discussions or local community engagement efforts on their own definitions of student success.

The Board approved the proposed **WEAC Biennial Budget**

for 2010 – 2012. This will now be presented at the WEAC Representative Assembly in April for final approval. If no changes are made at the RA, WEAC dues for full-time equivalency professionals for 2010-11 will be \$315, for 2011-12, \$323; full-time Education Support Personnel dues are half of full-time professional dues.

Emerging Voices

Training

Wednesday,

April 21, 2010

KMUC Office

Those recommended for this training will receive an invitation letter the week of March 15.

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending!!

KMUC Calendar

March 15	April 7	April 8	April 12	April 14
Legislative Dinner Millhome Supper Club	Executive Com- mittee Meeting KMUC Office	Bob Moeller Financial Seminar KMUC Office	KMUC Board Meeting KMUC Office	CBC/President's Meeting 6:00 p.m. Pre-WEAC RA Meeting 4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	6:30—9:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	KMUC Office