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New Contract

With the contract ratified by the BREA membership and the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District school committee, a few upcoming changes include:

- ◆ Notification letters for a lateral move must be in to the superintendent by November 30. Those moves will take effect at the beginning of the next school year. The BREA recommends that if there is any possibility of a lateral move that you submit a letter.
- ◆ The day before winter break in December is a half day for students and teachers. The last day of school is a half day as well.
- ◆ Bachelor's +15 column will disappear at the beginning of the next school year, 2012-2013. Members must have received 15 credits towards a Master's degree by that date in order to stay eligible for that lateral advancement.

Just for New Teachers

New teachers and teachers up to their fourth year are invited to register for the *Just for New Teachers Conference* to be held on December 2 in Marlborough. The Massachusetts Teachers Association sponsors this conference. The cost is \$60 and includes lunch. Registration can be done online at www.massteacher.org



BREA Social is on Thursday, November 3 after school at Barrett's Ale House on Bedford Street, Route 18/28 in Bridgewater. \$10 to your building rep by the end of the month.

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TASC

Members recently received mail from TASC that included a benefits card from MasterCard. The card is to be used only if you go to the hospital. Day surgery will cost \$150. Instead of you paying out of pocket then seeking a reimbursement from the district, you present this card upon check in when they ask for your insurance. This card is linked to a third party billing system that pays the hospital and gets its reimbursement from the district. The reason and person stay anonymous. The same goes for over-night stays which cost \$250. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact Robin Murray.

A reminder that a group called **Stand for Children** is collecting signatures for a ballot initiative. This initiative would limit collective bargaining rights including bargaining on the new educator evaluation system. It also looks to change the granting of professional teacher status. This initiative does not serve the interests of students and public education.

Creditable service surveys for MTA members

House 2932 would allow qualified school teachers and Higher Ed faculty and certain professional employees, who rendered service in non-public schools after January 1, 1973, to up to four years of creditable service towards retirement. Eligible members would be required to pay an amount equal to 10 percent of regular annual compensation as of their most recent date of entry into membership in the system plus buyback interest on that amount.

Senate 1317 would allow school nurses to receive creditable service for any non-school experience in the nursing field. Eligible members would be required to pay an amount equal to 10 percent of regular annual compensation as of their most recent date of entry into membership in the retirement system plus buyback interest on that amount.

In order to better gauge the impact of these bills the MTA is conducting a survey of members who would be eligible to buy back time if either of these bills were signed into law. This data will assist us in our lobbying efforts and should take less than five minutes to complete. Visit the MTA website at www.massteacher.org