



# Anchorage Education Association

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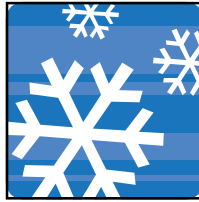
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## e-Advocate

### New Member Winter Holiday Dinner

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On December 3, AEA's Communications Committee held its annual new member dinner at UAA's The Den. Over 100 new AEA members, officers, board members, committee chairs, and staff met at UAA's The Den to welcome the new members to the Association. "It was an enjoyable informative evening, during which our newest members were able to visit with various building representatives and



network with each other. They also got to enjoy a tasty meal and have the opportunity to win some substantial prizes," said President Jim Lepley. In addition to formally welcoming the new members, the dinner provided an opportunity for new members to learn about the benefits offered by AEA/NEA-AK, evaluation procedures, AEA committees, and the NEA-AK Health Trust.

Dinner continued: <http://www.anchoragea.org/e-adv/dec08/dinner.pdf>

### Important Dates

**Jan. 6** Rep. Council, East High 4:30  
**Jan. 10** Town Hall Mtg. Dena'ina Center, Communications Mtg. 9:30-11:30  
**Jan. 13** AEA Exec. Board Mtg. AEA office, 4:30  
**Jan. 14, 15, and 17** Rights Training, AEA office  
**Jan. 19** Negotiations Meeting, 4:30 AEA office  
**Jan. 29, 30, 31** Delegate Assembly, Hilton, Begins 7:00 p.m.

Want to know more about these events? Contact your building rep, or call the AEA office.

### Town Hall Meeting—Please Attend

To better understand how the new TRS defined contribution pension plan will affect you, AEA is encouraging all teachers, especially new ones to attend the Town Hall meeting, sponsored by the Alaska Public



Pension Coalition, on January 10 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Dena'ina Convention Center.

There will be speakers and an opportunity to ask questions.

It is important for you to learn

what you might need to do in order to insure that you have a retirement that you can count on.

Under the current system, most newly hired public employees will only have a risky stock market account when

they retire — and no affordable health care.

Having a good retirement system is key to attracting and retaining quality teachers and other public employees.

### Who do I contact for...

#### Health Insurance

**Assistance:** NEA-Alaska Health Plan—274-7526

#### A Mentor for New Teachers:

Log into "My Learning Plan." On the left side of the screen, Go to 'MY Mentor Request'.

#### An Instructional Coach for Professional Support and Plans of Improvement:

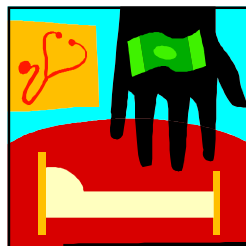
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#### Contract questions:

Anchorage Education Association—274-0536

### Deductions for Health Insurance Premium

Health Insurance premium deductions of \$295.00 will occur being in February. Some of you may have forgotten, and in order to avoid any confusion over finding your paychecks almost \$300 less, AEA wants to remind you of that deduction so you can plan accordingly.



AEA is pleased that you were able to enjoy five months with no deductions and that overall you paid less this year than last for your health insurance premium.

For more information, see the AEA website <http://www.anchoragea.org> under quicklinks.

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Did you know that there are nearly 3,500 members of the Anchorage Education Association? Your association represents Pre-K-12 regular education and special education teachers! Did you know that there are other employees that are represented? Of the eight other groups of educators represented by AEA, can you name 5?

Answers received by 5:00, November 7th will be eligible for a \$10.00 gift certificate.

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Have you changed schools? Moved? Changed phone numbers? Please call us at **274-0536** and assist us in keeping your information up to date.

Questions? E-mail us at [AEA@asdk12.org](mailto:AEA@asdk12.org) or call 274-0536.

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