

The Tell Tale

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Navigating the Waters

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Last week RNEA asked you to take time to vote in our local elections for Executive Board Directors, delegates to state and national assemblies and endorsements for school board candidates. From March 6th through the 10th, RNEA will again be asking for your time as we conduct this year's Climate Survey.

During that week you will have the opportunity to share your input about the atmosphere in your school. Last year several schools had 85% participation and were able to have constructive conversations with administrators about what was working in their schools and what could be improved. Unfortunately, a few of our schools had lower participation which affected the value of their data. The goal of the Climate Survey is to improve the atmosphere in all our schools – to achieve that goal we need all of our members to participate.

This year's survey has been revised to better differentiate between your lead administrators, assistant or grade level principals and your evaluating principal. These revisions include the addition of a "Not applicable" option for situations that don't apply to your school. Because of continued concerns about building cleanliness, a couple questions have been added to address temperature, dust, mold, etc.

One aspect that has not changed is that **all responses are completely confidential**. Only I have access to the results, but even those cannot connect responses to a specific member. After collating the data by building, I will submit reports to Exec Board, Association Representatives and Dr. Larson. Before the end of the year, your school will be able to review your data and discuss how it can be used to improve the atmosphere in the future.

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please talk with an Exec Board member, your Association Rep or contact me directly.

Dates to Remember

Mar 8	Joint Board/AR meeting (CMS) **Endorsed candidates will be there.**
Mar 15	Exec. Board 4:30 (office)
Mar 17-24	Spring Break
Apr 4	Election Day
Apr 5	AR meeting (CMS)

RNEA 2006 Election Results & Current Seats

Executive Board Officers

President Erik Graham (Summit) Vice President Kevin McColgan (Crestview)
Treasurer Mark Upton (Crestview) Secretary Mary Jo Barker (Bowles)

Executive Board Directors

Elementary: Pam Levy (Geggie), Dawn Warren (Wild Horse), Mary Peppers (Geggie)
Middle: Jane Lingafelter (Valley), Katie Nease (Valley), Rachel Williams (Wildwood)
High School: Suzanne Dotta (EHS), Jason L. Schneider (LHS), Suzanne Rainey (Summit)

RNEA Climate Survey

The annual survey launches March 6th and will be open until March 10th at midnight. If you are an SSD-NEA member interested in participating, please email rnea@surfbest.net as soon as possible. All information and results are confidential; only the RNEA President has access to results. The survey's results are compiled to create district, level (elem/mid/high), and building overviews.

Absentee Ballots

Want to vote in April's election, but don't think you'll make it to the polls?
Visit <http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/elections/ABSENTEEFQA.html> for more information.

COngraTULaTions to...

**This year's winners of the RSD/RNEA
National Board Certification Scholarships:**

Erika Bronowicz - Chesterfield Elementary - 3rd grade

Melody Frese - Rockwood South Middle School - Academic Stretch and LA

Deb Title - Crestview Middle School - Reading Strategies and LA

We know you'll do a fabulous job, and we wish you good luck!