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Rebecca Harper, SBTA-President

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Welcome

As your new president, I want to welcome all of you to the 2009-2010 school year. Be sure to take advantage of all the resources and benefits SBTA can provide for you. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM, with closures when schools are not in session. You are welcome to stop by at any time. One resource we have available is our website at www.sbta.org which I encourage you to visit. A great benefit that you can enjoy are discounted Disney tickets and Krikorian movie tickets. These are available in the office before 4:15 PM each day. Persons in the office that you may come to know are:

Rebecca Harper, SBTA President
Peg Tracey, Executive Director
Justin Arnold, Executive Director

Carol Nicks, Office Manager
Maxine Aragon, Secretary
Sharon Sadrudeen, Receptionist

I hope to meet you during my site visits or when you visit the office. Have a good year!

Transfers

In the past few weeks, many transfers have occurred. This is due in large part to both declining enrollment and the fact that the district has more teachers than teaching positions. (Remember, the district did not lay off any teachers!) After the voluntary transfer requests were processed, the district had to involuntarily transfer teachers to fill a few positions. However, even after this took place, a number of teachers were left with no teaching assignments. The district has decided to use the "extra" teachers in temporary itinerant positions at sites working with students in specified roles as needed. These SBTA members are neither day-to-day substitutes nor long-term substitutes. They are full-fledged support teachers who can help all of us achieve greater success with our students. When openings become available, these itinerant teachers will be placed into those positions. As this is new for both the district and SBTA, we are working together to make this as painless as possible for all that are affected!

Member Benefits

Did you know that as members of CTA and NEA, you are automatically covered with AD&D insurance through both organizations? It is a good idea to identify a beneficiary for both. To do this, you should visit their respective websites: www.cta.org and www.neamb.com. While you are there, check out other benefits such as discounts for auto insurance and Barnes & Noble. Also, as members of STRS, you should also name a death beneficiary. Check your statements for this information. You should be receiving a statement in a couple of months.