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Subject: Puxatony Phil says six more weeks of winter...Ugg!...Here are your weekly updates!

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SIX more weeks of winter.... could it mean snow days? Do you "snow" dance, whatever it may be (wearing you pj's inside out, flushing ice cubes down the toilet, etc...). Maybe we will actually have snow on a weekday and not just "cold days".

Here are your weekly updates:

Backpack Full of Cash, the movie - You are hereby invited to a screening of ***Backpack Full of Cash*** narrated by Matt Damon. This feature-length documentary explores the growing privatization of public schools and the resulting impact on America's most vulnerable children. Filmed in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Nashville and other cities, BACKPACK FULL OF CASH takes viewers through the tumultuous 2013-14 school year, exposing the world of corporate-driven education "reform" where public education -- starved of resources -- hangs in the balance. For more information about the FREE screening hosted by CFT/CFOP, [visit our website](#).

Bad Winter Weather? Your Rights and Options Q&A - The new year has set records for cold, disrupting schedules for our schools, families and the students we serve. CFT/CFOP members have asked questions about their rights and obligations when weather interferes with the school schedule. [Click here](#) for answers.

OFT Professional Learning Committee Holds First Live Webinar! Resident Educator Changes Explained - Need clarity on the changes that have occurred in the Resident Educator Program? Terri Hook, RE Program Director in Oregon City Schools and OFT Executive Board Member, will lead members through the changes and take your questions that may arise.

When: Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 4:00 - 4:30pm

Please register using the following link:

<https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1598045/1926E9DCA593DE4503FFB086D7F72B13>

Transfer Rounds - The 2018 Teacher Transfer Round schedule has been amended. Julia Indelacio emailed the amended schedule to all certificated personnel on January 30, 2017.

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What if I am Surplussed? - If you receive a surplus notice, you are not fired, you are under contract. Look at it as an opportunity to experience different schools and staffs in the district early in your career. Apply in the transfer rounds for every position you are qualified for.

District Leader Teacher Position Postings - Do you have CPS Lead Teacher Credentials and are interested in serving in a leadership role at the district level? Several district lead teacher positions are available! (Teachers cannot serve in two lead teacher positions at the same time.) Look for an announcement to come out early next week. Postings will only be open to applicants for one week through the Applitrak system. Contact Kendra Phelps kphelps@cft-aft.org if you have any questions.

Mark your calendar: CPS Job Fair will be held on February 10. Looking for another opportunity to market yourself and boost your prospects to transfer? Under our new collective bargaining agreement, current teachers are welcome to participate in the CPS Job Fair at Woodward Career Technical High School on February 10. We recommend you come between 11 am and 12:30 pm. This is a good opportunity for current teachers to meet teachers and principals from other schools and learn about their staffing needs and programs. Come to the Job Fair to network, share your freshly polished resume, and give your transfer application a boost.

2017 W2's - The Treasurer's Office has informed us that 2017 W2's will be mailed and available for print on employee online. January 31, 2018 is the deadline for completion.

Overload payments - Overload amounts are posted in the Board Minutes usually on the Tuesday prior to the payment. Please check [MyCPS](#) for the Superintendents Recommendations and Treasurer's Report to verify that your overload has been approved and if the amount is correct.

Pay Schedules & Board Procedure - There is a procedure that must be followed when certificated personnel are being paid outside of their contract. First a personnel requisition must be submitted to Human Resources and approved. Once approved by HR and Treasurer's Office, names are submitted to be approved by the Board of Education. Once approved via BOE, payment should be expected on the next paycheck. If you are expecting any extended pay, please check the [board minutes](#) regularly.

Save the DATE – Sunday, February 25, 2018 – WELCOME! - Break out of the winter doldrums. Join friends and families in a rousing **WELCOME! Concert** focusing on past and present immigrant experiences. MUSE, Cincinnati Women's Choir; Live A Language Foundation; Dater Montessori School; and ArtsWave have joined forces to bring a family friendly version of MUSE's popular spring concert to the greater Cincinnati area. The concert is specifically tailored for families and kids of all ages, ethnicities, and cultures with engaging activities pre-concert and yummy treats after. The Dater Montessori School's traditional auditorium affords the ideal venue for the concert's inspiring WELCOME! message.

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Sunday, February 25, 2018. Dater Montessori School, 2840 Boudinot Ave. 45238. Doors open 2:30 p.m. Concert begins 3:15 p.m. Tickets, \$10 online at: www.livealanguage.org or at the door.

Live a Language Foundation's mission is to support Cincinnati Public School students and educators in becoming respectful and responsible global citizens.

That's all for today folks.....have a great weekend.

As always, if there is a colleague in your building who is not receiving our emails, please don't hesitate to have them contact ksingleton@cft-aft.org to get on the list. This is important information, and everyone needs to have it!

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