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Subject: Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12...Weekly Updates Enclosed

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Usually Teacher Appreciation Week is the first full week of May, however, Sunday is considered the first day of the week and last Sunday was April 30...it fooled many people, but not us! We use Google...LOL.

Weekly Updates:

Professional Development Fund - The guidelines and application for the Professional Development Fund have been revised. You can access the updated documents using the following link:<https://sites.google.com/a/cpsboe.k12.oh.us/cps-human-resources/professional-development-fund>

Please note that applicants can submit their application at any time during the timeframe that is posted for each quarter and a lottery system will be used to select individuals for approval. Applications for 1st Quarter 2017-18 may be submitted beginning on Monday, May 8!

Receiving calls from someone "representing your union"? - American Income Life Insurance - We are getting several calls from members regarding phone calls and home visits from agents representing American Income Life. These agents are contacting you because sometime in the last two (2) years you responded to a letter that was sent out by Julie Sellers, CFT President, regarding a free \$3000 Accidental Death/Dismemberment policy that CFT/CFOP sponsors for our members, by returning a yellow postcard that was enclosed. The letter specified that the ALL agents will need to visit your home to sign the paperwork. When the agents call, they say they are representing "your union". Ask them what insurance company they represent and if they respond American Income Life, then they are legitimate.

CFT Tentative Agreement

- has been reached! The TA and Summary will be emailed to all CFT members after May 4, 2017. We will also post on our website. Watch your CPS & Personal emails for your copy. Discussion meetings dates and times will be announced after the summary and TA is out.

CFT Membership Meeting - Wednesday, May 10 @ 5:30 pm at the Laborer's Hall located at 3457 Montgomery Rd. Agenda item: Discussion of CFT Tentative Agreement and Voting Procedures. BR's report at 5:00 for briefing. Please plan to attend!

Deals for Teachers - Unfortunately with the "funky" end to April, many vendors offered their deals for educators on May 2. We have listed a few that got it right....

- **Adobe:** Teachers and students don't need a coupon code to take 60 percent off a Creative Cloud purchase.
- **Barnes & Noble:** Receive 25 percent off during Educator Appreciation Days and 20 percent off year round.
- **CiCi's Pizza:** Participating establishments are offering a free pizza buffet on May 9 with a valid school ID.
- **Dollar Tree:** Get 10 percent off with a valid school ID at participating stores.
- **Michael's:** Receive 15 percent off purchases. Valid in-store only.
- **New York & Co.** – Teachers & nurses! Get 30% off in store (show your ID) and 30% off \$50 online using code 6223. Plus ask an associate about the Teacher Program and you'll receive a 15% discount all year long.
- **Old Navy:** Teachers can take 20 percent their total purchase during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **Staples:** Earn between 5 and 10 percent in rewards for your classroom purchases through the Staples Teacher Rewards program.
- **The Scholastic Store:** Teachers can download 100 free printable and five free posters for their classrooms.

End of the Year Celebration - don't forget to mark your calendars for Friday, May 19 @ Taft's Ale House. More information available [here](#).

Are you able to vote on the Tentative Agreement? - Have you checked your membership status recently? Remember, only full dues members will be able to vote on a tentative agreement when reached. How can I tell if I am a full dues member? There are a number of ways...

- Check with your Building/Floor Rep. They were all provided with lists in April.
- Contact Kelly Singleton at the CFT/CFOP Office either by phone 513-961-2272 or email: ksingleton@cft-aft.org
- Look at your pay stub - you are a **fair share** employee if the description in the deductions section your pay stub reads: CFT FT FS A, CFT FT FS B, CFT PT FS A, CFT PT FS B, CFTsubFS, CFOP FS FT 26, CFT FS PT 21. Fair Share employees can not vote on any CFT/CFOP contracts.

If you discover you are not a full member, and want to vote in any election/ratification, please contact your BR/FR or Kelly Singleton for a membership dues deduction card. Once you have signed, you can vote.

IEP Extended Hours Log - On April 25, 2017, an email was sent to all Intervention Specialists from Human Resources, Fannie Carradine, regarding the IEP Extended Hours Log Form 16-17. The email stated " *All forms must be received in the Human Resources Department by the **absolute** deadline of Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 4:00 pm. Forms received*

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after this date/time will not be processed". For your convenience, we have posted a copy of the form on our website at www.cft-aft.org/forms

That is all we have this week. We know it is a lot to digest but that is what this time of year brings, a lot of information! If you have any ideas, or reminders you would like for us to send out in our weekly emails, please contact Kelly Singleton at 513-961-2272 or email: ksingleton@cft-aft.org.

Also, let us know your opinion on these weekly updates! We want to hear from you!

As always, have a great weekend and **LIKE us on Facebook!**

