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From the President's desk....

Let's Talk Health Care!!!

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You should have received your new WPAS, Inc Health ID card(s) in the mail at your home. The card will identify your plan as A or B. The card(s) arrived in an envelope from the Fairbanks North Star Borough Risk Management Office. If you have yet to receive your card(s), you should contact Dawn Maranville at 452-2000, ext 382 for instructions.

Now about that PWP Incentive I mentioned in the last issue of the **FEAdback**. In October 2009, your Health Care Committee **changed** the amount of this incentive to **\$200**. Additionally, to receive this incentive you must now complete the **My Health IQ** (instead of the PWP). You will soon receive the annual Activation Kit at your home address. The cover letter will include all necessary information to complete the **My Health IQ** either online or via phone. The deadline for completion is still **February 14, 2010**. Remember, completing the **My Health IQ** qualifies you for the **\$200** incentive and the opportunity to complete the WIN to receive either a **\$500** or **\$100** incentive.

During the Health Care Committee meeting on January 13, a lengthy discussion concerning the cost to members of colon and rectal cancer screenings occurred. The committee concluded the screening costs would be paid at 100% as long as the cost is less than the Usual and Customary Rates (UCR).

When does your teaching certificate expire? By going to the Teacher Certification website at www.eed.state.ak.us/TeacherCertification/CertificationsSearch.cfm you can read the date your certificate expires. The District notifies you prior to your certificate's expiration date. If your certificate expires you may continue to teach your classes for nineteen days, but you will be paid as a noncertified substitute (\$12.85 per hour). If nineteen (19) days pass and you are not recertified by the state, you are terminated by the District.

Teaching is your profession and the teaching certificate is your license!!!

Participate in the Superintendent Search

FEA has formed an ad hoc Superintendent Search Review Committee in light of the School Board's search for a new superintendent. The committee will meet in early February. The School Board is requesting input from District staff (the Board President sent you two messages), so contact them using these methods: by mail to the Board of Education, 520 Fifth Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99701; by email to schoolboard@northstar.k12.ak.us; by phone to the Board of Education Office at 452-2000, ext. 400; or by making contact with any individual board member.

Items of Interest to Members

Remember that deadline of January 15, 2010 to receive a one-time payment of **\$1,500.00** on your last paycheck I mentioned in the last issue of **FEAdback**? Well, 23 of our colleagues remembered and have decided to begin a new adventure at the end of this school year.

Watch for **Liesl Wietgreffe** (West Valley High), **David DeVaughn** (Ben Eielson Junior/Senior High) and **Tanya Mendelowitz** (Weller Elementary) to appear on local television and Gavel to Gavel as part of the NEA-Alaska image campaign. **Great Job!!!**

Follow-up information from Delegate Assembly in Anchorage on January 28-30, 2010, will be coming soon.

Have you ever thought about nominating one of your colleagues for the BP Teachers of Excellence program. Nomination forms are online at bpteachers.com. So, go ahead, enjoy the experience!

THANK YOU FOR BEING A TEACHER!!!

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