

# UTEA



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## Department of the Treasury Division of Pensions and Benefits

### **Member Benefits Online System (MBOS)**

As a New Jersey State-Administered Pension member, you may now access the Member Benefits Online System (MBOS). MBOS is a set of Internet based applications that allow registered members access to their pension and, if applicable, health benefit account information.

Available MBOS resources include:

- ◆ Personalized Member Account Information;
- ◆ Pension Loans – Estimates and easy to use online Loan Application;
- ◆ Retirement Estimate Calculator and Retirement Application Status;
- ◆ Designation of Beneficiary; - **NEW!**
- ◆ Payroll Certifications;
- ◆ State Health Benefits Program account information (if applicable);
- ◆ SACT Plan information (if applicable);
- ◆ State Deferred Compensation Plan link (if applicable);
- ◆ Application for Withdrawal;
- ◆ **Coming Soon!** – Purchase of Service Credit and online Retirement Applications

Before you can begin using the system, you must be registered with **MBOS**. Registration is free. **PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS** as registration requires several steps. If you encounter difficulty with the registration or use of MBOS, please call the MBOS Help Desk at (609) 777-0534.

**To begin the MBOS registration process go to:**

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/mbosregister.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/mbosregister.htm)

## School Temperature Bill

On December 11, State Sens. Bob Smith (D-17) and Joseph Doria (D-31) introduced **S-2391**, a bill which would require schools to provide students with a temperature-controlled learning environment. NJEA worked with Sen. Smith to craft the bill after the November 2005 NJEA Delegate Assembly directed “that legislation be drafted in collaboration with the Work Environment Council (WEC), which would require schools to be closed if temperatures in rooms rise above or fall below a certain temperature, defined in the legislation.”

**S-2391** defines 68 degrees F to 79 degrees F as an acceptable range. Anne Marie Abercrombie, chair of the NJEA Worksite Safety and Health Committee, a driving force behind the legislation, said, “We are trying to prevent illnesses that are directly related to heat, such as exhaustion, fatigue, cramps, and rashes; as well as cold-related health effects including disease flare-ups and accidents.” NJEA President Joyce Powell said, “Temperature extremes are also an important educational issue. Teaching, learning and attendance are likely to suffer when temperatures rise too high or fall too low.”

The temperature range defined in **S-2391** is a guideline until it is exceeded by more than 10 degrees above or five degrees below recommended temperatures.



**UTEA Website - [www.geocities.com/njutea](http://www.geocities.com/njutea)**

## Executive Committee

PRESIDENT – Brian Shanahan, UHS  
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 PRIDE CO-CHAIR – Jill Adams, C5  
 NEGOTIATIONS - Jim Grossi & Cathy Sharp  
 HEALTH & SAFETY – Kathy Brooks, UHS



**Look for the UTEA symbol on  
 the Union Twp. BOE Website  
[www.twpunionschools.org](http://www.twpunionschools.org)**

## Association Representatives

### Head Reps

UNION HIGH – Greg Solla & Rob Brennan  
 BURNET – James Frazier  
 KAWAMEEH – Kristen Mellage  
 CENTRAL 5 – John Zurka  
 FRANKLIN – Lynn Vollmuth  
 CONN. FARMS – Elaine Faulks  
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 H. CALDWELL – Laura Torres  
 BATTLE HILL – Cathy Sharp  
 WASHINGTON – Jackie Cunningham  
 SPECIAL SERVICES - Linda Lozito

## Classified Section

**Mausoleum Crypt for Sale:** Don't wait until it's too late! NEW, single large crypt (inside location) at Hollywood Cemetery, Union. Going price is \$9000+, this sale \$7000 or best offer. Only serious reply!

Call Andy Pfeifer 908 719-1283

## UTEA Meeting Calendar

March		
Thursday	01	Executive Committee
Thursday	08	Rep. Council
April		
Thursday	05	Executive Committee
Thursday	19	Rep. Council
May		
Thursday	03	Executive Committee
Thursday	10	Rep. Council
June		
Thursday	07	Executive Committee
Thursday	14	Rep. Council

## Dates to Remember

Daylight Savings ..... Sunday, March 11  
 Editor's Birthday ..... Thursday, March 15  
 St. Patrick's Day ..... Saturday, March 17  
 Spring Begins ..... Wednesday, March 21  
 Palm Sunday ..... Sunday, April 1  
 April Fools' Day ..... Sunday, April 1  
 Passover Begins ..... Monday, April 2  
 Good Friday ..... Friday, April 6  
 Easter ..... Sunday, April 8  
 School Election Day ..... Tuesday, April 17  
 Earth Day ..... Sunday, April 22  
 Arbor Day ..... Saturday, April 28



## Newsletter Input

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Fax 908 851-6792

E-mail TEXT and/or PICTURES  
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**UTEA The Eagle's Eye**

**EDITOR**

*Andrew B. Pfeifer*



**Grievance Chairs**

Charlie King  
Union High School  
*UHS and Middle*

Kristin Alvarez  
Livingston School  
*Elementary*

**Grievances... Active... Past and Present**

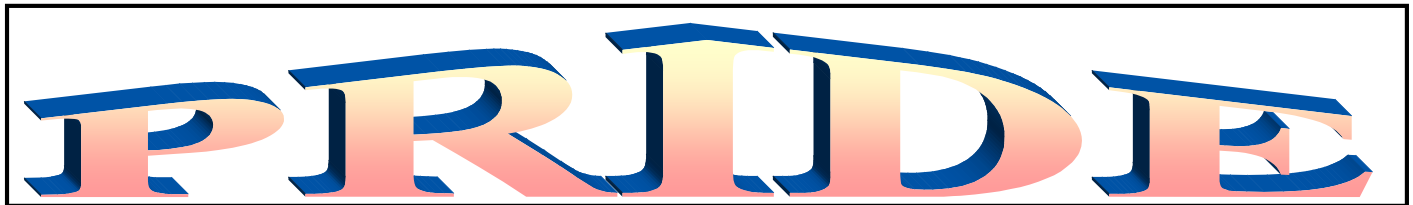
1. The Board has upgraded a Media Clerk position at the High School to a secretarial position without upgrading other media clerk positions throughout the district. Since these media clerks have the same responsibilities, the Association considers this action to be discriminatory.

Advanced to Level III. (Board of Education)

2. A member was reprimanded, without just cause, by a principal in front of other staff members.

Filed at Level I, met with the principal, and accepted his written reply.

**A grievance must be reported and filed 15 school days from date of incident.**



Since 1994, NJEA has conducted the PRIDE in Public Education campaign, a statewide effort to share public education successes with all New Jerseyans and build strong community support and involvement in our public schools. As part of its campaign, NJEA provides grants to its local/county affiliates for projects that bring the public schools out into the community and the community into the public schools.

If you have any suggestions for PRIDE activities, please feel free to contact Frank Palumbo at Central 5.

<b><u>Description of Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Event</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Welcome Back to School Ad	09/02/06	\$1,000
Open House Promo Giveaways	09/02/06	2,400
Rotary Club Adopt a Bench	09/15/06	2,500
UHS 5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Club Booster	09/15/06	100
Member of Chamber of Commerce	10/11/06	200
Hang UTEA Banner/Am. Ed. Wk.	11/10/06	250
Am. Ed. Wk. Ad Union Leader	11/06/06	1,000
UHS Wrestling Team Booster	11/13/06	120
Union Little League Sign Sponsor	11/13/06	125
Fightin' Farmers Basketball Booster	11/13/06	100
Union Tree Lighting Program Ad	11/22/06	125
Union High School Yearbook Ad	12/01/06	175
Elem. Holiday Show Promo Giveaway	12/01/06	3,450
Burnet Holiday Show Promo Giveaway	12/01/06	690
Kawameeh Holiday Show Giveaway	12/01/06	460
Holiday Ad Union Leader	12/01/06	1,000
Union County Voice "Man of Year Ad"	12/01/06	995
Burnet Middle School Yearbook Ad	Pending	150
Kawameeh Middle School Yearbook Ad	Pending	175
Union Lady Devil's Softball Ad	Pending	600
Union Township Varsity Girls' Softball Ad	Pending	125
Chamber of Commerce Dinner Ad	Pending	225

# **Good and Welfare - Josephine Palumbo**

Report includes November 2006 thru January 2007 and \*\*June of 2006

**BIRTH:**

\*\*Burnet  
 \*\*Hannah Caldwell  
 Hannah Caldwell

**U.S. Savings Bond**

Douglas Walsh- Twins/Daughters  
 Lori Koman- Triplets/Sons  
 Lori Nelson- Son

**BIRTH:**

Kawameeh  
 Kawameeh  
 Livingston

**U.S. Savings Bond**

Danny DeMarco - Daughter  
 Kelly Oliveto- Son  
 Eric Shaw- Son

**ILLNESS:**

\*\*Burnet  
 \*\*Hannah Caldwell  
 Burnet  
 Burnet  
 Burnet  
 Central Five  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 High School  
 High School

**Plant Arrangement**

Robert Dixon  
 Leslie Jenkins  
 Nancy Donlan  
 Jill McCarthy  
 Sharon Roche  
 Jill Adams  
 Elizabeth Vitale  
 Luci Giacalone  
 Genevieve Reis

**ILLNESS:**

Washington  
 Battle Hill  
 Burnet  
 Washington  
 Washington  
 Burnet  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 Washington

**Plant Arrangement**

Barbara Perksa  
 Jane Wiatr  
 Barbara Marcianti  
 Jeannie Faulkes  
 Maryann Gagliano  
 Raquel Wright  
 Maryann Sinnott  
 Russ Wyckoff  
 Lorraine Bartone

**MARRIAGES:**

Livingston

**American Express Gift Certificate**

Angela Taylor Schmitt

**MEMORIALS:**

\*\*Burnet  
 \*\*Burnet  
 \*\*Burnet  
 \*\*High School  
 \*\*High School  
 \*\*Kawameeh  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 High School  
 Burnet  
 Conn. Farms  
 Central Five  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 Burnet  
 Central Five  
 Central Five  
 Franklin  
 Hannah Caldwell  
 High School  
 High School  
 Kawameeh  
 Livingston  
 Washington

**Members**

MaryAnn Costa  
 Susan Eckman  
 Raquel Wright  
 Joan Carroll  
 John DeSrosieres  
 Judith Capodice  
 Donna Cassidy  
 Kristin Gechtman  
 Joann Pace  
 Karen Gold  
 Angela Rapke  
 Karen Votapek  
 Victoria Pollak  
 Brian Kaufman  
 Kevin Hagen  
 Louise Moniz  
 Joan Estis  
 Mark D'Aloia  
 Elizabeth Manderichio  
 Mariann Chinsky  
 Leslie Jenkins  
 Yvonne Rago  
 Travis Sansevere  
 Joan Cutrino  
 Barbara Corigliano  
 Cindy Corveleyn

**Donations In Memory of:**

Father-in-Law/Union Twp. Ed. Foundation  
 Mother/Westfield First Aid Squad  
 Mother-in-Law/American Cancer Society  
 Mother/Federation for the Blind  
 Father/American Cancer Society  
 Father-in-Law/St. Jude Children's Hospital  
 Grandmother/St. Michael's Church  
 Grandmother/St. Michael's Church  
 Grandmother/Center for Hope Hospice  
 Father/American Cancer Society  
 Father/American Heart Association  
 Grandmother/St. Michael's Church  
 Stepfather/Multiple Sclerosis  
 Grandmother/Simon Wiesenthal Center  
 Father/US Veteran's Hospital  
 Father-in-law/St. Joseph's Parish  
 Mother/Alzheimer's Association  
 Mother/Barbara Gladysiewicz Fund  
 Father/Meridian Hospice  
 Father/Atlantic Health Care  
 Father/Make-A-Wish Foundation  
 Mother-in-Law/American Cancer Society  
 Grandmother/American Parkinson Assoc.  
 Father-in-Law/Atlantic Home Care  
 Father-in-Law/Holy Redeemer Nurses  
 Mother-in-Law/American Heart Assoc.

**March in the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade with UTEA!**

Check out the flyer in the UTEA Website  
[www.geocities.com/njutea](http://www.geocities.com/njutea)

**Dell Member Purchase Program-Attention K12 School District employees**

Your school district has teamed up with Dell to provide you with exclusive discounts on Personal PCs.  
 Save up to 12% when using your Member ID: KS29315111 (Call 877 377-0238 for details)  
<http://www.njea.org/pdfs/DellPromotion.pdf>