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Dear Member,

ECA Conference - Now is the Time to Register!

The Educators Call to Action Conference, September 12th, 13th, & 14th in Washington DC - it's time to get your registration in. The cheap hotel rooms will not be available in about 10 days. This is your chance to get your registration in and reserve a great rate on a hotel room in DC... not to mention this is a great time to be in our nations capitol! The election will be only a few weeks away at that point and it will be a perfect time to deliver our message. This is especially important as Congress will have to face the budget or resolve themselves to the effects of sequestration. Register now and be part of this important event.

<u>Federal Legislation -</u> Speaking of Sequestration

Hopefully you have been following this legislative issue because it could be a big one. Because Congress couldn't come to a budget agreement, in law, sequestration would take place resulting in huge cuts (almost 9 %) to education. We believe this will be over a \$4 billion reduction! This is a terrible time for that to happen because we are also at the time when financial stimulus money has run out causing a double whammy. There was a letter last week from the US Department of Education saying the money would not be withheld in the fall payments but that the adjustments would come in July 2013. **But**, this does not apply to those districts that receive Impact

Aid.

The odds are good that Congress will not come to a budget agreement prior to the elections (which is why it will be important to have you in DC working with us in September). But, there is an outside chance that they will try to come to an agreement during the lame duck session pending the outcome of the election. In any event, January 2, 2013 is the deadline for this to be finished - one way or the other. Talk to your federal representatives and share the impact sequestration would have to the kids in your region and attend the ECA conference.

Council Nominations

Nominations are now open for positions on the AESA Council. You can find the details by clicking here. Please consider serving your region by running for a position on the Council. The nominations close on **September 7, 2012.**

Award Nominations

Nominations for National Awards are open now too. This is a wonderful opportunity to nominate someone who would be a worthy recipient. Please consider this chance to highlight the wonderful work that many of our folks around the country have done. The deadline for these awards is **August 24, 2012.**

AEPA Executive Director Opening

This is to let you know that we have posted a new job on the AESA website:

http://www.aesa.us/index.php/resources/job-central

Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer, Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) The Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies, Inc. (AEPA) is a nationwide group of educational and other agencies looking for a dynamic, visionary leader to serve as its executive officer. This opportunity calls for a leader to recommend and participate in the formulation of new policies and make decisions based upon the direction of the Board of Directors of AEPA. This officer will plan, organize, direct and coordinate with subcontractors, programs and activities of the Association to ensure that the mission and annual goals are attained and member needs are met. The officer will also build and maintain internal and external relationships. This requires a continual display of leadership and effective organizational and communication skills.

The ideal candidate for this position will have a strong background in management with demonstrated leadership. Preference will be given to a candidate with a minimum of a master's degree or equivalent and experience leading a comprehensive educational organization. A strong strategic visionary perspective and collaborative leader who is able to creatively solve and implement problems new programs/services in a fast paced entrepreneurial environment essential. This part-time. independently contracted position is flexible, virtual, and the ability to travel is required.

Apply online at http://bit.ly/aepaexec. If you have questions, contact Mr. Jeremy Kovash; 1001 E. Mount Faith Ave; Fergus Falls, MN 56537; (218) 739-3273. Application deadline **August 24, 2012**. EOE.

<u>Corwin Press - AESA Business Partners</u> have Great Stuff for You!

Corwin has some new things to offer you - some of it free! Check these out.

Books/Authors-We want all of our AESA partners to be up to date on all Corwin titles in their area(s) of

interest. We are happy to provide free copies upon request. People can email Melissa.jaivin@corwin.com or their local rep.

Common Core Institute - Corwin is putting on a Common Core Institute on October 18-19 in Memphis, TN. The event is a pilot, that if successful, we could expand upon in 2013 with regional institutes co-sponsored by AESA members. It's being designed as a learning event to help cross-functional teams (school/district leaders: coaches: teacher leaders/teachers) further develop their common core implementation plan, based on sessions being 24 Corwin conducted bv authors around themes: Leadership; Curriculum Alignment & Lesson Planning; Meeting the ELA Standards; Meeting the Mathematics Standards: Increasing Rigor Instructional Strategies; and Technology.

eStudy - "A Book Study for the 21st Century" - Corwin is extending an invitation to any ESA that would like to be a pilot. They will make an eStudy available to a cohort of 30 educators, for free (normal price \$2,000), in exchange for honest feedback. There are six to choose from and you can deepen their local community by facilitating an online book study with teachers or leaders. Click here for the link to the eStudy.

If you are interested, please let Melissa Jaivin know!

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<u>AESA Conference - Registration is Now</u> <u>Available!</u>

Check on our <u>website</u> to get good rates for our Annual Conference - in Tampa this year! This is the only conference that is just for regional agencies like ours. Please check it out.

AESA CEO Searches

AESA has joined forces with Don Stevens Associates to offer a full range of CEO searches for ESAs. They will completely customize their offering based upon what level of service you require - from just providing advice to a full blown search. The beautiful thing is the work will be done by former ESA CEOs - folks who really know what we are about. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lee Warne at lwarne@aesa.us.



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