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## VISION

## 2005

A critical part of the Vision 2005 plan for Des Moines Schools will be decided on December 10th. On that day, Polk County voters will decide in a special election whether to have a 1 cent local option sales tax. If approved, Phase I of Vision 2005 can begin. Phase I includes critical health and safety repair and replacement work. Each school would also get technology improvements.

Approval of the sales tax would generate close to 90 million dollars for Phase I of Vision 2005. However, it would also provide property tax relief throughout Polk County, additional law enforcement personnel in Des Moines and a variety of services in other Polk County communities.

All of us have been surprised to learn that this is a very common form of tax revenue in Iowa. 412 Iowa cities and 41 counties use the local option sales tax. Once in effect, it has never been repealed.

The following are frequently asked questions about the sales tax. They are reprinted by permission from the Coalition for Cities and Schools.



### •What is a local sales tax?

The tax is an additional penny on the dollar of taxable items and is imposed locally by a county or municipality. The local sales tax would be applied to any item upon which state sales tax is currently charged. Those purchases that are already exempt from state sales tax or subject to franchise or users fees, like food, drugs and medical services, cars and trucks, motor fuel, room rentals, lottery tickets, gas or electricity would be exempt.

### •Do non-residents pay the tax?

*Yes!* Approximately 45% of the tax will be paid by non-residents of Polk County.

### •Will the tax revenue stay in Polk County?

*Yes!* All of the money generated by the LST stays in Polk County. It will be distributed among all the communities that approve the tax.

### •How substantial is the property tax reduction?

It varies by community. For example, in Des Moines 55% of the revenue would go to property tax reduction. A house in Des Moines assessed at \$50,000 would qualify for an annual \$221 reduction in property taxes, assuming the LST passes countywide. A house assessed at \$100,000 would qualify for a \$450 reduction.

### •How does the LST become law? There will be a special election on December 10th.

A simple majority must vote in favor of the tax in each voting area. The voting areas are: contiguous incorporated cities; non-contiguous cities; and unincorporated Polk County. The largest voting area includes Des Moines and contiguous suburbs, Clive, Grimes, Johnston, Pleasant Hill, Urbandale, West Des Moines and Windsor Heights.

The Vote by Mail campaign is off and running. It is being organized because of the potential bad weather that could visit us on December 10th and because special elections normally attract a small number of voters.

The energy being created for the entire campaign is incredible. Parents, citizens, teachers and staff and administrators are all volunteering to do calling for early voting and for get-out-the-vote activities.

Contact your Faculty Rep if you want to volunteer. Get a group together and plan to have a real impact.

# American Education Week

is  
November 18-22, 1996

Celebrate the week by volunteering for  
Vision 2005!

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining your colleagues in membership in the Des Moines Education Association, serving teachers, nurses, support staff, associates and secretaries.

With membership comes assurance of representation with the employer, discount privileges, liability insurance, life insurance, and many, many other benefits too numerous to list here.

Continuing members, say Hello to the following new DMEA members: Kori Adams, Angela Allen, Kirstin Anneberg, Judith Armstrong, John Ayres, Joyce Batty, Michelle Beeve, Sarah Behren, Diana Bogener, Lisa Burgett, Sandra Byriel, Allison Cain, Renita Campero, Stephanie Carlson, Carrie Carpenter, Dolores Carpenter, Joseph Chargualef, Carolyn Chase, Derek Claussen, Judith Clinton, Tracy Codel, Catrese Colschen, Linda Coil, Gloria Collier, Stephen Coulter, Cindy Crawford, Deanna Culp, Jerald Curnutt, Randall Damon, Daniel Davis, Christine De Goey, Jeri Dea, Paulette Doane, Kimberly Doby, Robert Dyer, Cynthia Edwards, Marcia Elliott, Nadine Ellis, Karen Farrell, Loraine Ferguson, Nancy Foley, Deborah Ford, Berniece Ford, Staci Funk, Pamela Garcia, Sarah Gilley, Christina Ginlvezan, Kimberly Glandorf, Vicki Goldsmith, Pamela Gomez, Carol Gueck, Eric Hall, Toya Hall, Sharon Hand, Larry Hansbrough, Kathryn Hansen, Melissa Hanson, Linda Harding, Jill Hartung, Holly Hasstedt-Boothrody, Donald Hatcher, Randy Heitmeier, Angela Herman, Jennifer Hesson, Paul Higginbottom, Teresa Hockenson, Koilei Hogan, Christine Holden, Dale Howe, Kurtis Howe, Judith Irvin, Kelsey Johnson, Robert Kaos Jr., Thomas Kading, Marcia Kelly, Angela Kickbush, Patricia King, Brenda Knapp, Joyce Knock, Celest Knopf, Sharon Koelling, Danny Koss, Mary Lane, Celeste Lawson, Randal Lees, Linda Leham, Mary J. Lewis, Patrick Lewis, Jina Long, Carolyn Lomery, Sandra Mahner, Karen Mann, James Marter, Kathleen Martin, Joseph Martinez, Rebecca McAninch, Linda McCollum, Becky Mc New, Gregory Messerschmidt, Michelle Mills, John Mondloch, Robert Morse, Judy Mouzakis, Michelle Mullins, Erin Murphy, Kim Nguyen, Pamela Nielsen, Celia Noble, Sonja Olson,

Jonann Noftsger, Karen Norvell, Sherry Palmer, John Pattschull, Susan Peters, Karyn Peterson, Edward Pilkington, Krista Reed, Linda Reid, Ida Rooker, Annette Ryun, Richard Saffris, Jane Schneller, Carla Sears, Cathi Seeley, Marlene Shaw, Traci Shipley, Daniel Sickles, Karen Skovgard, Terry Smothers, Janice Sodenlund, Sylvia Speak, Penny Spriggs-Hines, Ada Stafford, Mark Stallman, Deborah Stetson, Mary Stimmel, Robert Stinnett, Marcy Stone, Mary Studer, Lori Sutherland, James Thomas, Deborah Thompson, Juanita Valadez, Diana Vanderley, Lee Wahlert, JoAnn Ward, Cindy Welsh, Heidi Whitstone, Lisa Wiese, John Williams, Trisha Winter, Julie Wolfe, Randal Lees, Juliann Woodhouse, Allison Woodward-Chartier, Thomas Young, Teena Edwards, Joanne Sofen, Angela Herman, Regina Bremhorst, Felicia Clark, Yevgenija Kalyagina, Kathleen Kennedy, Lory Kerner, Henry Franken.

## Election Results

Polk County legislative candidates recommended by either the DMEA or Polk Suburban UniServ Unit(PSUU) did well in the November 5th General Election. Congratulations to the following winners:

### Senate

District 34 Matt McCoy (D)  
District 36 Elaine Szymoniak (D)  
District 38 Gene Maddox (R) PSUU

### House

District 66 Geri Huser (D) PSUU  
District 67 Frank Chiodo (D)  
District 68 Mike Cataldo (D)  
District 69 John Connors (D)  
District 71 Wayne Ford (D)  
District 72 Jack Holveck (D)  
District 73 Betty Grundberg(R)PSUU  
District 74 Libby Jacobs (R) PSUU  
District 75 Janet Metcalf (R) PSUU

DMEA members were very active in the re-election of President Clinton, Vice-President Gore and Senator Harkin. Especially disappointing was the defeat of Connie McBurney for the 4th District US Congressional seat.

Special thanks go to Beth Bishop and Linda Young for their efforts in leading the DMEA Governmental Affairs Committee.

The elections are over. Lobbying now begins!

HERE'S SOME  
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NEWS!

ISEA has learned that IPERS will announce that the fund has sufficient resources to move to the rule of 88 on July 1, 1997. The rule of 88 means that an individual whose age and years of service total 88 can retire without an early retirement penalty.

## BRIEFLY

• Statistically, the district is doing a better job of providing substitute. Per diem salary was increased from \$78 to \$90 to give the district a competitive edge. The supply has also increased.

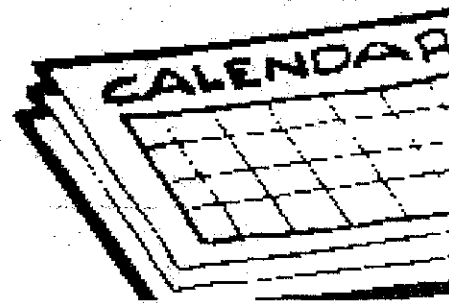
However, statistics mean nothing to a staff that must meet the challenges of the day with one or more fewer adults than what they need. Schedules are upset and people must use planning time to cover classes.

We need to keep the pressure on. Inform the DMEA when your building is short so we can investigate.

**Important:** Let us know immediately if Associates are being assigned to cover classes for the day or a substantial portion of the day. We will need an accurate file of those violations.

• Two \$1000 Walt Galvin Scholarships will be awarded to the son/daughter/dependent of a DMEA member enrolled in a pre-service education program, with 75 semester hours completed and considered a senior. Applications are due in the DMEA office by January 20, 1997.

• Applicants with 60 semester hours in a teacher education program qualify for the ISEA Scholarship which is due February 1, 1997 at ISEA, 4025 Tonawanda Dr., Des Moines, IA 50312.



### DECEMBER

2	GA Committee	4:15 pm
2	DMEA Retired	11:00 am
11	Associate's Holiday Tea	4:15 pm
12	Faculty Representatives	4:15 pm
19	Executive Board	4:15 pm