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Hi Member,

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Teacher Appreciation Week Is Coming Up

National Teacher Appreciation Week will take place May 4-8, 2026, with National Teacher Day on Tuesday, May 5, and National Black Teacher Appreciation Day on Thursday, May 7.

We want to take a moment to thank our members in advance for their extraordinary commitment during what has been an especially challenging school year. Your dedication to students and to each other does not go unnoticed.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming FEA communications, where we'll be sharing ways to celebrate and recognize educators throughout the week.

Save on Recertification with FEA's VESi Partnership

We were recently reminded of how important it is for members to be aware of the benefits available to them. One educator shared that they paid several hundred dollars out of pocket for recertification coursework, not realizing there was a more affordable option available through FEA.

As an exclusive member benefit, FEA partners with Virtual Education Software (VESi) and Augustana University to offer DoDEA-approved recertification courses at a significantly reduced cost.

Through this partnership, members can purchase an annual VESi subscription for \$200 and complete up to three graduate-level courses. For many educators, this means meeting recertification requirements for a fraction of the typical cost, often saving hundreds of dollars each cycle.

All courses are fully online and flexible, making them accessible across time zones and schedules. In addition to recertification, these credits can also support salary advancement, help obtain additional certifications or be applied toward a future master's degree.

We strongly encourage all members to take advantage of this benefit and explore VESi before enrolling in more costly programs.

Reminder: Goodbye Grievances

A goodbye grievance is essential for departing Overseas educators in Europe and the Pacific. It is the only way FEA can continue supporting members in retirement, especially if issues like debt letters arise. Without one on file, FEA's ability to assist after separation is very limited.

For members preparing to retire or leave, filing a goodbye grievance ensures continued union support during a time that can bring unexpected challenges. Membership is required to file and access this protection.

If you or a colleague are planning to retire, now is the time to act. Filing a goodbye grievance is a simple step that can make a lasting difference. Please reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.

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