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PI-34 Licensing Assistance Available

Northern Tier UniServ is planning on holding regional workshops this Spring to assist first-year teachers with the PI-34 licensing process. The session is intended to explain the license renewal process, what needs to be done the first year of employment, resources available, timelines, and the role your Union can play in it. It will also be intended to assist 1st year teachers to begin writing their goals which will need to be approved in their second year.

If you are a first-year teacher, please e-mail Renee at isonr@newnorth.net (NTU) with your name, mailing address and e-mail address. We will add your information to our database so we can contact you directly once dates have been confirmed for our workshops. We have also contacted Local Presidents requesting assistance in identifying first-year teachers from all of our Districts. Those attending our PI-34 workshops in the past have found them very valuable. Feel free to give us a call, if you prefer, at 715.369.2222 or 800.367.4901.

For 2nd through 5th year teachers, we also plan on holding a "Plan Approval / Plan Completion" night for those needing their Plan approved, modified, or deemed complete. The necessary PDP reviewers would be assembled in our office to accomplish this. Again, if you fall under this category, please contact us to let us know you would like to receive direct information from NTU about this upcoming workshop.

Watch for additional details in upcoming newsletters!

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This lottery hasn't been won yet!



**The Wisconsin Primary will be held
on Tuesday, February 19th.
Be sure to get out and vote!**

ARE YOU A COOPERATING TEACHER?

Help your practicum student or student teacher take his/her first step into his or her professional career. . . . Share with your future colleague the benefits of joining Student WEA for less than \$35.

Online membership sign-up is available at www.weac.org/Student-WEA. Joining online will get your student teacher a free subscription to "Instructor" Magazine. Some other benefits he/she will enjoy are, Personal Liability Insurance (\$1,000,000) while student teaching in your classroom [the same as you have!]; online mini-resume service for finding a job; rebate off of NEA dues as a first year teacher; free NEA Teacher Toolkit access; access to Student WEA and WEAC Conferences, including WEAC Winter Academy; OnWEAC Savers Club Card for discounts nationwide; and membership to his/her state-wide professional association.

Encourage them to join! State and national dues are \$26; local chapter fees vary.

Why We Should Retain Justice LOUIS BUTLER on the Wisconsin Supreme Court

Justice Butler was appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court by Governor Jim Doyle in August, 2004, after serving as a County Circuit Judge and a Municipal Judge in Milwaukee, as well as an appellate and trial attorney on criminal cases. His ascension to the Supreme Court marks the pinnacle in a career of public service that has spanned four decades. He is the state's first and only African-American Supreme Court Justice.

Justice Butler has the *experience, integrity, and intellect* to continue serving the people of Wisconsin.

- ♡ **Experience:** Justice Butler has over 30 years of legal experience, with more than 15 years on the bench.
- ♡ **Integrity:** Justice Butler is well respected by his peers, and is endorsed by a majority of Wisconsin Circuit Court judges. He has earned a reputation as a tough, but fair-minded judge. He approaches his decisions in a neutral, detached, impartial and independent manner to assure justice for all of the people of Wisconsin.
- ♡ **Intellect:** Justice Butler is a brilliant jurist and is committed to education and teaching the next generation of public servants. He routinely instructs judges from across the nation at the National Judicial College, has served as an adjunct professor at the Marquette Law School, and has received numerous awards for his work on the bench. He recently was awarded an honorary doctorate of humanities from his alma mater, Lawrence University in Appleton.

Justice Butler is also a *widely respected leader* in his community, having served on the Board of Directors for Legal Action of Wisconsin, the NAACP, and the Community Brainstorming Conference. He is also a former president of the Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association and the Wisconsin Black Lawyer's Association. In this campaign, he is endorsed by a diverse collection of organizations and individuals, including a bipartisan group of prosecutors, the Wisconsin Realtors Association, Senator Russ Feingold and Governor Jim Doyle. He is supported by labor organizations including the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, the Milwaukee Police Association, and many others.

Justice Butler has been *recognized by many for his leadership skills and his skills as a jurist*, and has received the following prestigious awards: 2006 "Humanitarian of the Year" Award by the American Federation of Teachers, Local 212; 2005 NAACP Foot Soldiers' Award; 2005 Outstanding Citizen's Award from the Wisconsin Council of Deliberations, Prince Hall Masons; 2002 *Milwaukee Times* Black Excellence Awards for Law; and 2001 "Judge of the Year" by Career Youth Development.

In addition to these awards and many more, Justice Butler was named "Top Judge" in municipal court by *Milwaukee Magazine* and has the distinction of being the first public defender in Wisconsin history to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Justice Butler does not believe a judge should be conservative or liberal, Republican or Democrat - but should instead apply the law of the land. He believes a judge should approach every case in a neutral, detached, open-minded manner, and come to a decision without bias or preference.

Justice Louis Butler, a distinguished scholar, respected teacher, accomplished attorney and community leader, should be retained on Wisconsin's Supreme Court. Please vote to retain Justice Louis Butler on April 1, 2008.

This is an 11.29 communication with WEAC members.