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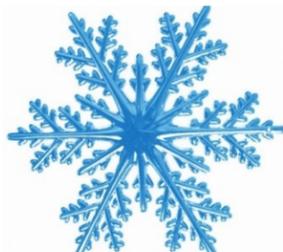
Upcoming BCEA Events

January

22 IPD Workshop Financial Literacy

February

25 IPD Workshop ESP/Certified Understanding the Role of the Paraprofessional



March

12 IPD Workshop Autism

April

1 BCEA Legislative Dinner

3-4 ESP Overnight Legal Issues and XYZ of Pensions and Benefits

24-26 BCEA/PCEA Leadership Weekend

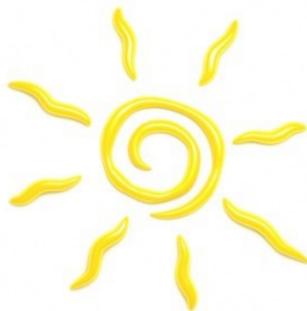
29 IPD Workshop Visible Learning

May

12 IPD Workshop Enhancing Student Discourse

June

6 NEA/NJEA/BCEA RA Caucus



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Member to Member

by Sue McBride, BCEA President



Colleagues and Friends,

Happy 2020! In greeting another new year, expectations are many. And they are running high.

As of this writing, we are in the waning days of a lame duck session, doggedly demanding that our state legislators follow through on their promises to carry our Job Justice and Ch. 78 Relief Bills over the finish line.

We prepare for a presidential election, hopeful, energized, and committed to fight for the future of our students, our schools, our communities, and our nation.

We look toward celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage and the tenacious efforts of the NJREA.

And we do all of this while continuing to inspire, motivate, and nurture our students.

We are an amazing lot.

But in the words of John Lewis, lauded civil rights leader and Georgia's representative for 5th congressional district,

"If not us, then who? If not now, then when?"

As all of this approaches, I want all BCEA members to know: we support you. We appreciate you. And we wish for you peace and love and good health in 2020.

In unity,

Sue

Bergen County Annual Picnic:

Our second annual BCEA Picnic was a huge success, showing the true grit and camaraderie of our Bergen County members. The weather turned but that did not keep us from coming together.



Several hundred members and their families came to take part in our games and activities, hear the



band, eat a picnic lunch, and strengthen our commitment to public education.

The indoor facilities provided plenty of room for all and room for our activities including: face-painting, fun characters, a presentation from the Sheriff's office, coloring and crafts.



Our legislative representatives stopped by to share in



the day as well, showing their commitment to public schools and public school educators.