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“The greatest good is what we do for one another.” Mother Theresa

From the President:

I truly hope that you-all are attempting to have a relaxing, restorative summer. You most certainly deserve it!!

Wisconsin Budget News

It seems to happen every two years: Wisconsin gets into the budget season, the rhetoric begins to fly, and... before you know it... school-funding reform once again recedes into the background and the crisis continues to grow. This budget cycle is no exception, and it could go on for quite a while.

The Senate and Assembly passed vastly different versions of the budget – by some reports up to \$10 billion apart – along party lines. Additionally, the policy focus on the budgets is quite different, leading many to believe it could be well into the fall before a conference committee agrees on the compromise budget and sends it to both houses and eventually the Governor for approval.

Your best bet to follow news coverage of the budget process is to log into your hometown newspaper or go to one of two excellent statewide sites and follow the links. Your choices are: The Wheeler Report at <http://www.thewheelerreport.com> or Wispolitics.com at <http://www.wispolitics.com>.

Depending upon party affiliation, political or social point-of-view, or how much stake you put in the need for adequate school funding, the differing versions of the 2007-09 budget are the best and worst of all possible worlds.

If you want to wade through the hundreds of pages in both the Senate and Assembly versions, go to http://www.legis.state.wi.us/1fb/LFBPublications_ButtonPages/Publications_Main.htm.

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2008 NARENWICH Conference Information

The dates are March 6 & 7 and it will be at the Paper Valley Hotel (Radisson) 333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911 (920) 733-8000 or (888) 201-1718 info@radissonpapervalley.com . People who choose to stay there will be able to get rooms for \$89 per night.

Think about being a presenter for the 2008 Conference. Call for presenters will be forthcoming.

2008 NAREN Conference Information

February 19-21, 2008

Edgewater Beach Resort, Panama City, Florida

The theme for the 2008 conference will be “Successful Programs & Practices.” The conference will be colleagues sharing their success in a highly-charged, powerful atmosphere where there will be over 20 inspiring field-tested models, programs and teaching methods that work well with at-risk youth.

Note: We are still looking for good presenters!

Pre-Conference Seminar: *The Angel/Warrior Educator & Quality Standards of At-Risk Education*

Note: College credit(1) is available through NCATE accredited Marian College for an extra \$195, bringing total cost for the Seminar with credit to \$300 (before applicable discounts).

<http://www.atriskeducation.net/index.html>