

~ Quote of the Week ~

There is no greater loan than a sympathetic ear ~ *Frank Tyger*



- 16<sup>th</sup> – National Boss Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Windham School Board Workshop Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Budget Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Budget Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Pelham School Board Business Meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Ends
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween

~ **HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS** ~

A New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) representative will be visiting your region in October (see below) to conduct an education session. This session will provide NHRS benefits information to Group I members (teachers and employees) of all ages and in all stages of their career. Please let your teachers and employees know about these valuable information opportunities. Seats are limited so please pre-register with Christine Basha at [Christine.Basha@nhrs.org](mailto:Christine.Basha@nhrs.org).

**Group I Sessions (Employees and Teachers)**

**Who:** For employee and teacher members, spouses, employers

**What:** New Hampshire Retirement System Education Session

**When:** Tuesday October 17, 2006, at 2:30 and 4:00

**Where:** Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH

**Why:** To learn more about benefits available to NHRS members; plan overview; plan funding; medical insurance subsidy update; ask questions.

~ **HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS Continued** ~

The NH Legislature enacted a law (HB 1633), which became effective on July 24, 2006, that enables members of the retirement system with 5 years of service or more, to purchase non-qualified service credit up to a maximum of 5 years. The amount is calculated by multiplying the employee's annual compensation at the time of buy-in, by the employer and member contribution rates (currently at approximately 8.7% for teachers and 11.81% for non-teachers) by the number of years of non-qualified service purchased. For example: If a member was a teacher, earning \$50,000 year, it would cost the member \$20,450 to purchase 5 years of non-qualified service credit. It is unclear when or if this law will be repealed in the near future.

The form (NHRS Non Qualified Service Purchase) can be downloaded from our website at [www.windhamsd.org](http://www.windhamsd.org). The employer must complete a section of this form before being mailed to the Retirement System.



~ **WINDHAM CENTER SCHOOL NEWS** ~

Windham Center School will once again run the Homework Club. This year, it will begin on the week of October 23rd. The students will meet three days a week for one hour each session, and will be chosen by teacher recommendations.

**FYI:** The Connection is accessible on-line at <http://www.windhamsd.org/SAU28/sau28.htm>. Just click the link for Newsletters and chose the issue you would like to read. Remember, all feedback, comments or suggestions should be directed to [Jfortin@windhamsd.org](mailto:Jfortin@windhamsd.org).

*Windham ~*

*Our mission is to be a continuously improving, learning community, providing quality services to enable all children to master the knowledge and competencies necessary to function skillfully throughout life.*

*~ Pelham ~*

*Our mission is a commitment, in concert with the entire Pelham community, to provide quality services to each student, parent and resident through planned, focused and continuous improvement of our educational programs and practices.*

