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Dear MEUHP Member:

**100%**. In education 100% is always our goal for our students. I am happy to report to you that the Missouri Educators Unified Health Plan has achieved 100% on:

- Receiving 2012-13 membership renewals for our member districts.
- Delivering open enrollment "MEUHP Education Kit Folders" to all employees and retirees.
- Obtaining all open enrollment paperwork from plan members.
- And, most importantly, 100% cooperation and teamwork throughout the process.

**Our membership is also growing with quality new members.** We now stand at 102 districts strong with over 10,400 total members, by far the largest "statewide" health plan for Missouri school districts. This wouldn't be possible without your participation in our organization. Thank you!

Joining our non-profit, member governed organization for the 2012-13 membership year are:

- Bowling Green, Montgomery County, Pike County and Ralls County in the Central Region,
- Junction Hill in the SW Region, and
- Greenville in the SC region.

We also have membership requests in from several other schools that are currently under review. Best of all, **there is a growing interest in our organization from non-MEUHP superintendents** who are hearing good things about our program directly from our membership-the best type of advertisement. Keep talking!

As educators, I believe it is important to note that **education of our membership is helping fuel our momentum.** Our educational processes are not simply from the top down, but also from peer to peer "hands on" learning. Thanks to our variety of communication and enrollment methods, including excellent assistance and customer service from our plan administrator, FTJ, almost 50% of our total members are now enrolled in one of our nine "Consumer Driven" Health Plans. These plans are Health Savings & Health Incentive Account based plans designed to have smaller insurance premiums and built in wellness incentives to be more naturally efficient in controlling health care inflation, while still delivering quality benefits and service.



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**Thanks to our Board Members.** I want to thank our departing Board members who have served all of us very well over the past years and welcome our new Board members to their 3 year term, as elected by their fellow Region member superintendents. As the only original MEUHP incorporator remaining on our Board, it has been my privilege to work with Lane Novinger, NW, Jeff Lindsey, SC, Bill Redinger, WC, and John Jungmann, SW. Through the process of running our organization, through multiple conversations, meetings and important decisions, I have the utmost respect for each of these men. Lane has passed the torch to John James, superintendent at Mid Buchanan as the NW Region Board member. John Jungmann is moving to the Liberty School District as deputy superintendent. John's successor for the SW Region is Kevin Goddard, superintendent at Sarcoxie. Jeff Lindsey will be the new assistant superintendent at St. Genevieve. Sherry Burns, superintendent at Naylor was elected for Jeff's position on the Board as our SC Board member. And, Bill Redinger has taken a new position with the Park Hill School District as an assistant superintendent. WC Region members elected Chris Small, superintendent at Orrick as their Board representative.

At our annual member and Board meeting on April 24, your new 2012-13 Board leadership was elected. Stan Stratton, superintendent of the Dunklin School District, representing the St. Louis Region, was elected as our Treasurer. Chris Felmlee, superintendent of the Van Far School District, representing the Central Region, was elected as Secretary. Dianna Hoenes, superintendent of the Marion County R-II School District, representing the Northeast Region, was elected as Vice President. And, the Board selected me to again serve as President. I am the superintendent of the Malden School District and represent our Southeast Region. Again, thanks to all Board members for their service to help make our organization successful.

The 2012-13 MEUHP Board of Directors will be meeting this summer for our training and planning session. Please feel free to contact me or your Regional Board member if you have any questions, concerns or ideas to improve our organization. The Board of Directors is committed to open communication and transparency, efficiency and focus on member education. We feel these are all key ingredients to help hold down medical inflation while preserving choice and quality.

Have a wonderful summer.

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