

What Happened on August 24?

Several members have contacted RCEA in regards to the inclement weather day of August 24, 2007. RCEA opposed having teachers work on this day when students were allowed to stay at home. RCEA immediately called to discuss this with Mr. Whitlow and also sent him a letter that outlined our position. Mr. Whitlow has politely discussed this issue with us in depth. (Mr. Whitlow expressed his major concern at that time was for students riding buses and the bus drivers. He stated that if he had been able to have students at school without running the buses, he would have.) Unfortunately, we are not able to come to a mutual agreement in regards to this matter. Both sides have agreed to move on.

It is important that RCEA members understand that this is not a contract violation nor is it a violation of the law; therefore, it is not an issue that can be grieved. It is also important that members understand that by working on August 24, teachers did not work more days than are required by law nor did they work for free. Attached is a copy of RCEA's letter to Mr. Whitlow on August 24. Also, there is an explanation of the system's thirteen banked school days and how they can be used.