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1. Team Approach Meeting

Topic: "Pandemic: Are You Prepared? Public and Private Collaboration"

Date: April 20, 2006

Location: Radisson Hotel, Roseville, MN

Time: Social Hour 5:15 pm

Dinner: 6:15pm

Presentation: 7:15-8:30pm

For brochure and registration form go to: <http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/umw/umwhome.htm>

Registration deadline: April 17

2. OSHA Rulemaking, Health Standards & Chromium (VI) Status

The AIHA-UMS March 16 meeting presentation by Alden Hoffman from MN OSHA has been posted on the web site under "Local Section Events". Follow the link at <http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/umw/umw-events.htm>.

3. AIHA-UMS 2006-2007 Officer Elections

Don't forget to vote! Ballots must be postmarked by April 1, 2006.

The results will be presented at the April 20, 2006 Team Approach Meeting.

4. AIHA-UMS Receives Teleweb Award

AIHA-UMS received an award from the National AIHA for the best attendance at Telewebs. We have sponsored 3 Telewebs this fiscal year and plan to sponsor one more by July 31.

5. School Levy Proposal for EH&S: Support Health and Safety Funding For Minnesota Schools

A bill has been introduced into the Minnesota State legislature to give local school districts more power to make decisions about health and safety projects funded through local levies. The following information was provided by Dean Olsen, Health and Safety Coordinator for Osseo School:

Everyone wants safe schools. Unfortunately, the current funding system does not address many of the potential safety issues that schools face. Here's your chance to help. A bill was introduced in the State Legislature last year that would give local School Boards more flexibility in meeting the needs of their community.

The revisions to Minnesota Statute 123B.57 would expand the local school boards' ability to levy funds for compliance with environmental, health and safety regulations, and also to address non-regulated safety concerns such as indoor air quality, ergonomics, playground safety, security, etc.

This is a “grass-roots” movement to improve school safety Minnesota. To make sure that adequate funding is available, please contact your local Senator and State Representatives to request their support for House File 2520 and Senate File 2298. The full text can be viewed on the State Legislature’s website at <http://www.leg.state.mn.us/>. If you know anyone else that values healthy schools for our children, please ask them to do the same. Thank you.

Best Regards -
AIHA-UMS President Fell-Moody
AIHA-UMS Secretary Green