



"Unified for Strength, Stability & Service"

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Dear MEUHP Member:

Thank you for renewing your membership in the Missouri Educators Unified Health Plan. As a non-profit corporation formed in 2009 "for School Districts, by School Districts," we are glad to report our membership has grown from 78 to **96** School Districts in less than two years, with over 9,500 lives covered. **This includes six new members July 1!**

One reason for our stable growth can be attributed to our proactive plan management and promotion of **our eight Consumer Driven Health Plans** (Health Savings and Health Incentive Accounts), helping to improve our overall claim trends. With effective grassroots education coupled with attractive premiums and benefits, our member participation in these plans has increased significantly.

As we begin our 2011-12 plan year together, I'd like to review a few highlights of the MEUHP:

- We have established a solid foundation for our current and future needs, including governance and accountability to the membership from an elected Board consisting of **eight experienced superintendents**, one from each region of the state.
- **We have 16 "fully insured" plan options.** Each member School District may choose up to three plans, allowing for long-term budget planning and benefit flexibility.
- Our membership structure of **many districts working as one large group** provides maximum buying power and allows large individual claim risks to be spread statewide. Both are key long-term stabilizers for each of our regions and for each member district.
- MEUHP members receive **outstanding service** from our administrator and broker, Forrest T. Jones and Company (FTJ). FTJ has continuously served Missouri educators since 1953 and they provide reliable representatives and resources to meet the needs of our members.

In summary, we believe **health insurance is a true long-term need** for our staffs and retirees. We will continue to work together with you, and reach out to prospective member School Districts to address the very important issue of quality and affordable health insurance benefits. There is **strength and stability in numbers!**

For additional information about the MEUHP, you can go to our website at www.MEUHP.com. You may also contact me at (573) 276-5794, or by email at kcook@malden.k12.mo.us.

Thanks again, for continuing your membership in the MEUHP!

Sincerely,

Ken Cook
President