

"We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced."

- Malala Yousafzai

Our staff is in a time of transition again! I'd like to welcome our newest **Program Specialist, Emily Gedra**. Emily has been working in our office for almost a year and has extensive background with behavioral health and higher education teaching. She presented to the HCE Bootcamp a couple weeks ago with great success. This is the first time our division has had **THREE program specialists** since I've been here (over 25 years).

We are continuously looking for more and better ways to serve you and after our next staff meeting, we hope to have a revised division of duties!

1. Do you know anyone who would make a great team member for the HCE Division? We are seeking a new Administrative Assistant for our office. Position information can be found [here](#).
2. [Which sex ed approach works best for STI and pregnancy prevention?](#) Research remains unclear. **Teen pregnancies have declined while STIs among young people are rising**. But there haven't been many well-designed studies to tell us the role of sex education in these trends
3. It's that time of the year with the **Skeleton Museum** comes up with some amazing opportunities for students (and adults) after the school day is done!
  - a. **Forensic Night!** 🔍 **Friday, October 20** 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Explore what forensic anthropologists, law enforcement, and investigators can learn by examining human skeletal remains. These are replica skulls from REAL homicides, accidents & suicides. Personal discretion is advised. **Ages 16 & Up**. [Forensic Night | Skeleton Museum](#)
  - b. **Forensic ART: Suspect Sketching!**

6. Modified blue-green algae used in innovative new approach for **faster wound-healing**; bioactive film shown to kill bacteria, reduce inflammation, and speed cell regrowth ([More](#))
7. Just a reminder—if you have an **open teaching position** at your school you would like me to mention in this weekly message, just send me the job description and I will send out. Also, if your school fills a position, please let me know

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