# News Utrust



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## Membership Appreciation Dinner

Utrust is excited to announce plans for its upcoming 10th Annual Member

Appreciation Dinner. The Trustees of Utrust are happy to invite you, your school board members and your spouses to join us in this fun filled event that you are sure to enjoy. Members of your staff who handle UCT claims and those who organize and are directly involved with implementing the "Make A Difference Program" are also invited to attend.

This year's event will be held at one of Nashville's landmarks, "The Wildhorse" located in the heart of the music city. There will be plenty of good food, live entertainment, and even line dancing lessons!

Awards will also be given to those school districts who had outstanding participation in the employee appreciation program during the '08-09 school year. We will also highlight the new changes we've created for the program this year.

Buses will be provided to pick up guests and transport them back to Opryland Hotel. We have already sent out invitations to you. You can also find a registration form to the dinner online at <a href="https://www.tnuct.com">www.tnuct.com</a>

We are looking forward to seeing you again, and have planned a night full fun and fellowship. It is a night to celebrate you, and all who make a difference in the lives of school employees and students.

#### **Writing Competition**

Utrust is looking for the most inspiring and dedicated employees in our member districts, and we want you to help us find them. That's why Utrust is holding a writing competition, to find and honor school employees who make a difference in the lives of students.

Utrust is awarding the top written entry \$1,000 with other cash prizes awarded as well. We know there are a lot of valuable employees in your school district, and we hope you will encourage your students, faculty and staff to participate in this competition. The top selected papers will also be



turned into videos for our online library and appreciation day packets.

Rules of the writing competition and entry forms can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.tnuct.com/writingcompetition">www.tnuct.com/writingcompetition</a> We

look forward to reading your stories and honoring your school district. The deadline is October 31st, so don't miss your chance to win!

#### **Bus Driver Appreciation Day**



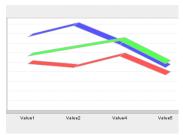
It's a new school year, and with it, brings new days of appreciation for school employees. Thursday, September 17th kicks off the first appreciation day in the Utrust "Make A Difference Program". This special day has been set aside to honor school bus drivers who safely transport students while enduring, at times bad road conditions and restless passengers, all while meeting a deadline of pick ups and drop offs. We hope your school district is participating in recognizing these valuable employees and hope you will share your stories with us. If you have an interesting story about how one of your schools, or school board celebrated this day, email it to us, and include a photo so we can share it with others.

This program is really easy to use. We have provided all the materials for you, from resolutions to thank you letters, to web and poster art. If you have not yet signed up online at <a href="www.tnuct.com">www.tnuct.com</a> for an account to access appreciation day materials, do so today. You can also call us or email us, and we'll be happy to walk you through the website and materials.

Have fun and we look forward to hearing how your school celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Day!

#### **Online Information**

### Looking for information about your rates? Go to our website!



You can now access the unemployment rate for your school district online. We've also created a new section of frequently asked questions regarding unemployment benefits. We know that unemployment issues sometimes arise and we want to give you all the tools you need to resolve them. To access this information, you will need to register a username and password on our website if you haven't done so already. To register, go to <a href="https://www.tnuct.com/login.php">www.tnuct.com/login.php</a>.

We hope you'll find this new addition beneficial. Please feel free to call or email us anytime with any questions or concerns you may have.



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