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Hello Again, Education Majors –

I hope you had a great holiday weekend and that your semester is off to a fine start. Now summer is officially behind us, and it's time to *get down to the serious business of becoming teachers*. Remember, please let me know how I can enrich your educational experience by e-mailing me at: deanhenk@marquette.edu

Since I wrote to you last week, I hope you've had a chance to visit the College of Education website at: <http://www.marquette.edu/education>. If you haven't clicked on the [You Tube](#) video about the College at the top right of the home page, it's definitely worth a look.

Also, there is a section entitled "[What's New?](#)" in the center column of the page that will take you to current stories about our students, faculty, alumni, staff, and friends. I can't tell you how proud it makes me to be the dean when I read those news items.

I think you also know that our [Marquette Educator blog](#) can also be accessed at the website. It's located in the left column, and if you click on the title of the most recent post, you're in.

Please note that at the bottom of the column *you can sign up to have recent Marquette Educator blog posts e-mailed to you automatically on Monday mornings*. It's as simple as providing your name and your email address and indicating that you're a current student. I really hope that you'll register, because student subscriptions represent a very important sign of a healthy blog and a statistic that is tracked.

Of course, *you can also go directly to the blog using: <http://marquetteeducator.wordpress.com/>* If you've stopped by, you probably know that last Monday I wrote about *how much I love it when the hordes of students return to the Marquette campus* at the beginning of every fall semester. I hope that you got a chance to give that post a look, because among other things, it tells you how deeply I feel about Marquette.

Then later last week, I gave readers a glimpse of *my experiences as an education dean in the very vibrant Milwaukee education landscape*. It's a part of my job that most people, including students, don't know about. But it's an important one. Besides my work here at the university, I try to be out there in the community helping our public, charter, and choice schools as much as I can.

By the way, today's post is titled, "*My Hate Affair With School,*" and I think you might appreciate learning about the awful time I had in school as a student as well as my confession of how I coped with it. After you read the story, you'll see why it's a mini-miracle that I became a teacher.

You're also going to see a guest blog soon from a local school board member that focuses on *the censoring of President Obama's speech to school children, an event scheduled for today*. Let's just say that, as a future education professional, this is an issue you should care about even though it doesn't affect you right now.

In fact, there will routinely be posts on the blog that can be part of your formation as a teacher if you're willing to spend a few minutes reading them. Another forthcoming guest blog will be about the health care system and whether Christianity and Capitalism can exist. So you know, I plan to entice some very

interesting guest bloggers soon. *And please feel free to comment on any post; I'd love to see you engaged that way.*

I'll also be posting shortly on my personal beliefs about school choice – well, that is, if the local education scene ever cools down enough to make room for it! The political battle over control of the Milwaukee Public Schools alone is a blogger's dream, but a local nightmare for the city.

In closing, I want to once again express my hope that you'll have an outstanding fall semester and that we'll stay in touch through the blog and other sources. May God bless.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Henk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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