

Teachers' Contract Ratification Meeting

Who: Teachers
 When: Wednesday, October 19, 2011
 Where: Lynn English High School
 Time: Doors at 3 p.m.
 Meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The negotiating subcommittee of the Lynn School Committee and the teachers' negotiating team have reached a tentative agreement (tentative new contract). This subcommittee and your LTU representatives have the authority to reach a tentative agreement but no binding agreement can be reached without a vote of the LTU membership. The negotiating team is unanimously recommending the tentative package.

Candidates' debate – Wide ranging debate will explore candidates' visions for Lynn schools

When: Tuesday, October 11, 2011
 Where: Breed Middle School
 Time: 7 p.m.

LETV will broadcast the event live on – Channel 15 Comcast and Channel 36 Verizon

Patricia Capano, Maria Carrasco, Donna Cappola, Delores DiFillipo, Charlie Gallo, John Ford, Vin Spirito, and Rick Starbard have all committed to participate in the Lynn Teachers Union debate. This is our opportunity to hear where these potential school committee members stand on issues that are of vital importance to us. Our voice matters—collectively we represent over 1500 votes and have the ability to help elect officials who will work on behalf of the teachers and students of Lynn. Please plan on attending.

American Jobs Act

President Obama has proposed a bold plan to put Americans back to work and improve the physical quality of our nation's schools. Note President Obama's comments below.

Through his plan, at least 35,000 schools would be modernized, putting people to work.

"There are schools throughout this country that desperately need renovating. How can we expect our kids to do their best in places that are literally falling apart? This is America. Every child deserves a great school—and we can give it to them, if we act now."

The American Jobs Act focuses on putting educators back in their classrooms.

"Pass this jobs bill, and thousands of teachers in every state will go back to work. These are the men and women charged with preparing our children for a world where the competition has never been tougher. But while they're adding teachers in places like South Korea, we're laying them off in droves. It's unfair to our kids. It undermines their future and ours. And it has to stop. Pass this bill, and put our teachers back in the classroom where they belong."



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Proposed Abolition of Seniority in Massachusetts

Stand for Children is proposing an initiative petition entitled "AN ACT PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS." The petition would abolish the use of seniority by teachers for any purpose including layoffs.

Confidentiality of Contract Details

The teachers' negotiating team has worked diligently over the last 12 months and as a result of their efforts a tentative agreement was reached. At the onset of negotiations, all parties agreed to keep the details confidential. Members may disagree with this strategy. The intent is not to deceive but to keep the details of what's being worked out from ending up in the newspaper, being taken out of context or otherwise misinterpreted.

New teacher orientation at the LTU

On September 26th, the LTU officers welcomed Meghan Barry, Jeffrey Bigler, Kirstin Bunker, Jessica Forgione, Christine Hunkler, Susan Jervinis, Leslie Light, Margaret O'Connell, Bethany Persenaire, Sarah Rice and Cindy Wilson to the Lynn Teachers Union. The event was well received as it afforded the new teachers an opportunity to connect and collaborate with their peers and union leadership.

Paraprofessionals' October Posting

All vacancies resulting from the June positing and changes that occurred during the summer are posted in October. Please contact the union office if you have any questions.

In solidarity,



Brant Duncan

Upcoming Events

Retirees' social – Tuesday, October 11 –
1 p.m. – Porthole

LTU's candidates for Lynn School
Committee Debate – Tuesday, October 11
– 7 p.m. – Breed Middle School

Meeting on educator evaluations –
Thursday, October 13 – 3 p.m. – Union
Hall - Please RSVP

Executive Board Meeting – Wednesday,
October 12 – 3 p.m. – Union Hall

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Wednesday, October 19 – 3 p.m. – LEHS



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