

Elections matter – Every vote counts!

The election of the Lynn School Committee is right around the corner and we need to ensure that we elect committee members that can advocate for Lynn’s teachers and students. Join us on Tuesday, October 11, for the Lynn Teachers Union’s first ever **candidates’ debate**.

LTU’s John Lauber will moderate the debate and LETV will broadcast the event. Please join us!

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

Online survey

We need your input to determine what kinds of political activities the Lynn Teachers Union should engage in during the next year. Please visit the political action section of our website, www.lynnteachersunion.org, and complete our anonymous survey. The password is **action**.

Welcoming the new

We’d like to offer a warm welcome to the more than 100 new teachers that are beginning their careers in the Lynn Public Schools this fall. On **September 26th**, the LTU will be holding an informal gathering to welcome its newest members and extend the union’s support for them as they embark on this challenging profession. Thanks to **Colleen McElliott-Liporto** for coordinating this great event and we look forward to working closely with our new members.

Annual retiree social

The LTU is holding its **annual retiree social** at the **Porthole Restaurant on October 11th**. The social is an opportunity to thank our retired friends and to encourage them to continue to advocate for issues that are important to all education professionals. The LTU extends warm wishes to the more than 50 LTU members who retired at the end of the school year. We hope that many of these new retirees will be joining us at the social.

Operation evaluation

The LTU will host an informational session on the state’s new evaluation policy. AFT MA’s education policy director Dan Murphy will join us to explain the new policy and how you’re likely to be affected. Come with plenty of questions!

When: Thursday, October 13, 2011
 Where: Lynn Teachers Union Hall
 Time: 3 p.m.
 Please RSVP by calling 781-599-5591 or emailing ltu1037@lynnteachersunion.org



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back!

Political Action

Please join me on October 11th at the LTU's school committee candidates' 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.

A great showing of LTU members will help us convey this strength to the school committee candidates. So, please join us—and bring your friends.

Congratulations

Now former members of the LTU have recently been appointed administrators. Congratulations and best wishes to Kevin Benecke (LEHS guidance), Amanda Curtis (LCHS department head), Christine Lyman (LCHS department head), Anastasia Mower (LEHS department head), Stacy Phelan (Connery program specialist), Dennis Thompson (LCHS VP) and Hana Walsh (LCHS department head).

Negotiations

All members of the LTU are currently working under a contract extension.

The teachers' negotiating team continues to work diligently on behalf of every LTU teacher. We have made progress and will continue to negotiate until a fair and appropriate agreement is reached. The team is scheduled to meet with the school committee on September 26, October 17, and October 24.

In solidarity,



Brant Duncan

Upcoming Events

Primary Elections – Tuesday,
September 20 – Please Vote!

Membership Meeting – Wednesday,
September 21 – 3 p.m. – Union Hall

New union member orientation – Monday,
September 26 – 3 p.m. – Union Hall –
Please RSVP

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

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

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

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

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