

ACE-AFSCME

Newsflash

Local 2250, AFL-CIO

August 3, 2011

WELCOME BACK

Greetings Local 2250 members; I would like to take this time to say that I hope all of you have enjoyed your summer vacation with the exception of the most devastating experience for us all due to the reduction in force. Positions were eliminated throughout the workforce within the Prince George's County Public School System. Originally the RIF's started with over 400 positions being eliminated and we were able to reduce the layoffs to less than 200 positions. We will continue to advocate reducing the number of employees affected by the reduction in force.

NEWLY HIRED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Board hired Mr. Daniel Besseck as the new Executive Director of Local 2250 as of July 1, 2011. Mr. Besseck has many years of experience working with the Police Department's Union and is looking forward to adding his expertise to improve working conditions and benefits for all our members and their families.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UPDATE

Local 2250 have taken action to work with management in adhering to our collective bargaining agreement to assure all members that proper procedures are being followed to improve our contract. If you have experienced any unfair labor decisions within your individual chapters, please do not hesitate to contact us with your concerns. Words cannot express our gratitude concerning your patience in these troubled times, as we know; these actions have affected many members throughout the country. We must encourage one another how very important it is to take action and be involved 100% in exercising and demonstrating our voting rights. We must participate in electing political leaders that we know support the working families of Prince George's County. Without a doubt these leaders will make the right decisions for all Public School Systems throughout the county to guarantee quality education for every student. Please remember November 8, 2011 is Election Day, **PLEASE VOTE**. We must stay together to make a change for all of us.

FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DECEASED

Mr. Richard Putney, our former Executive Director, passed away on July 14, 2011. Mr. Putney had a strong compassion for Local 2250 and all of its members. His family will have a memorial service for him in Cleveland Ohio. Cards of acknowledgement may be address to Mrs. Joan Moore, 1703 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

Local 2250's Constitution Committee members have been meeting to amend Local 2250's Constitution and will be meeting with the membership to present the recommendations for approval. Please be watchful for future union newsflashes informing you of the date of this very important meeting. You must attend to have a vote. This is your union and we will only be as strong as we demonstrate in action. We must take a stand in unity to make a change. Let Us Stand Together. We are One – the Membership is the Union.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REMINDER

Please take the time to contact the local union office if you have a change of address or any other updated information concerning your membership so that corrections can be made. **Remember** the Board of Education does not forward address changes to the union. Contact Person: Renee Dixon, Local 2250's Membership Specialist at (301) 809-0472.

SICK LEAVE BANK OPEN ENROLLMENT IS HERE AGAIN!!

Open enrollment for AFSCME Local 2250's Sick Leave Bank is from July 1 through September 30th. If you haven't taken advantage of this benefit, please do so this school year. You may get more information on the sick bank by visiting our web site www.ace-afscme.org and click "Sick Leave Bank" under Benefits. You may also print Donation Forms from our web site as well. You may contact Terry Houston, Sick Bank Specialist at 301-809-0472 for more information.

Thank you so much for your dedication and commitment in contributing to the quality education for All Students -- You Make It Happen!!!

Shirley Adams, President