

New Haven Federation of Teachers

LOCAL 933  AFL-CIO

An Affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers



David Cicarella
President

To: All New Haven Teachers

April 24, 2019

I hope everyone enjoyed the spring break and had some time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

The Stop and Shop strike is now over and our union brethren have returned to work. And it was busy for the NHFT, AFT-CT, AFSCME, CLC (Central Labor Council), and Locals 371 and 919 the two locals that represent the Stop and Shop workers here in Connecticut as we coordinated our efforts to support our friends in labor.

Actions in Support of Our Union Brethren at Stop and Shop

1. NHFT VP Pat DeLucia and I have visited the strike lines beginning on Thursday April 11th and continuing throughout last week. We have purchased coffee, donuts, pizza, etc. and perhaps equally as important have voiced our support and spent time with them. Pat worked the Hamden Stop and Shop, and I concentrated on the North Haven store.
2. AFT-CT President Janis Hochadel scheduled an emergency conference call for the Executive Committee on Palm Sunday at 5:30 pm. (the NHFT has a seat on this committee and I represent us there) The committee voted to authorize AFT-CT to match a \$2,500 contribution pledged by AFSCME. A total of \$5,000 has been sent to the Stop and Shop strike fund from AFSCME and AFT-CT. Additionally Jan asked other locals to consider making donations if they are able.
3. The NHFT Executive Board has voted to approve two donations: \$500 to Local 371 and \$500 to Local 919. These are the 2 locals that represent the Stop and Shop workers. The money will go to their strike fund which provided cash payments to workers that had not received a paycheck for 2 weeks. The strike greatly depleted their *strike assistance funds* and our donations are sorely needed.

267 Chapel Street • New Haven, CT 06513-4252
(203) 773-0266 • Fax (203) 776-1554 • E-mail: nhft@snet.net • www.aftct.org/nhft

4. On Friday, April 19 the NHFT building was the site for striking workers to pick-up donated food items, both perishable and nonperishable. Hams, chickens, potatoes, etc. were donated and distributed from our building by various agencies working together to support the strikers to provide them with both daily food needs as well as holiday items for this past weekend. I had the privilege to meet many of the volunteers working at our NHFT office building and those picking up carloads of food to distribute to their colleagues on strike.

Informational Items

1. The retirement workshop is this Thursday, April 25 from 4:00- 5:30 pm and is filling up quickly. Call the NHFT office at 203-773-0266 to sign up.
2. The End of the Year Party is at Amarante's on Friday June 14 from 4 - 8 pm. Sign up information will be sent as we get closer to the date of the party.
3. Calendar SY 2019-2020 == The calendar drafts have been completed by the Calendar Committee and sent to central office a few weeks ago. Waiting for confirmation so we can set up the ballot vote for all teachers. Hoping to get that finished by next week.