New Haven Federation of Teachers

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To: All New Haven Teachers   May 14, 2019

Calendar Vote

- NHFT stewards will set up a mechanism whereby all teachers have an opportunity to cast a ballot.
- Only NHFT members have voting privileges. Building stewards have a list of teachers that have either opted <u>not</u> to be an NHFT member or have not filled out a membership card.
- Itinerants can obtain a ballot from the building they report to each day. The steward can add your name to the list (if it is not already on the roster) and give you a ballot.

NHFT Building Stewards

- Please check off the names of teachers that receive and return a ballot.
- To insure fidelity to the voting process the total number of ballots you return must equal the number of teachers receiving a ballot.
  For example if you return 52 ballots and only 42 teachers are "checked off" on your roster the ballots from your school cannot be counted.
- Please take a few minutes to verify that your ballots and roster counts match.
- Ballots are due back at the NHFT office by the end of the day on Tuesday, May 21st.

End of Year Party –Reminder

- Amarante's Sea Cliff--- Friday, June 14th 4-8pm.
- A separate email will be sent to all teachers for sign-up.

Teacher Survey

The survey committee (NHFT Vice President Pat DeLucia and I are members) has vetted each and every question. Our last meeting was yesterday. Questions are being sent to the vendor and the Teacher Survey should be ready for distribution shortly. We have requested that teachers be afforded the professional courtesy of encumbered time at a staff meeting to complete the survey.

Autism Health Care Coverage

We have reached an agreement with the City of New Haven to update the Autism coverage to match the State of CT standard. This is a unilateral win for our union and important for teachers that access this health benefit.

Teacher Retirement Buy-out

The buy-out proposal has worked its way through central office. We are hoping to have an answer within a week or so.