

Membership  
Update



May 7, 2015

From the President...

## Tentative Agreement

I am pleased to announce that after many months of mediation, we have come to a Tentative Agreement (TA) with the City and the district.

I have shared the TA with the PTU Executive Board and they have unanimously approved to present the TA for full membership ratification.

Building Delegates will be briefed on the TA at the next delegate meeting. As customary, I will hold three informational sessions prior to the full membership ratification meeting. The meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

### **Informational Meetings:**

May 13, 2015 at 4:15 p.m.  
(Regular Membership Meeting)

May 14, 2015 at 4:15 p.m.

May 19, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

Informational meetings will be held at the PTU office.

### **Ratification Meeting:**

May 20, 2015  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

West Valley Inn  
4 Blossom Street  
West Warwick, RI

I am scheduled to meet with Mayor Elorza and Superintendent Lusi this afternoon to sign the Tentative Agreement. Following the signing, the membership will receive a copy of the entire TA.

This has been a long road, and I am extremely grateful to Attorney John DeSimone, Maura Galvao, our Executive Director, and my negotiating team— Michael Fioravanti, Marianne West Davidson, Alex Lucini, Cherie Sanger and Deb Pilkington.

I would like to also thank each and every PTU member for your support, understanding and patience during this process.

## From the President...

### PTU Scholarships

The Providence Teachers Union will award two \$500 scholarships from the PTU Scholarship Fund. Scholarship winners will be among the sons and daughters of PTU members. The drawing will be in June.

The application process is simple. Members may enter his/her son or daughter by filling out an application in person at the union office by June 8, 2015.

Eligible students must be accepted into a full-time post-secondary program or must be currently enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program (freshman, sophomore or junior).



### Retirement Workshop

The PTU is holding a retiree medical benefits workshop on:

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

**4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**PTU Conference Room**

Members who are interested in attending, may register by contacting Sharon at the PTU office at (401) 421-4014 or [general@proteun.org](mailto:general@proteun.org).

Please register by  
Monday, June 8, 2015.



### Reminders....



#### ◆ **Open Office Hours**

*Open office hours* is an opportunity for President Calabro to hear directly from you. If you have any concerns or suggestions, call the Union office to schedule an appointment. *Open office hours* are between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

May 27

June 17

#### ◆ **Town Hall Meetings**

In addition to our regularly scheduled membership meetings, members are encouraged to attend *town meetings* from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the following dates. *Town meetings* are an opportunity to have informal conversations regarding the issues that concern our profession:

June 10

#### ◆ **Certification Renewal**

Teachers are reminded to begin the certification renewal process for any certificate that is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2015. Upon receipt of your renewed certificate, a copy should be forwarded to the Office of Human Resources.

#### ◆ **Membership Meeting**

The next membership meeting will be held on May 13, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. at the PTU office.