Membership Update



June 5, 2015

From the President...

Providence School Board Meeting

On Tuesday, May 26, 2015, President Calabro joined by PTU Executive Board members and Math/ Literacy Coaches addressed the Providence School Board regarding the district's decision to cut 44 Math and Literacy coach positions and 10 specialist positions due to a decrease in Federal funding.

President Calabro stated that "the educational impact that the loss of these coaches will have reaches far beyond the financial impact." She implored the Board to table the NAEP contract for leadership professional development and the Teach for America contract — both contracts were tabled and forwarded to the Board's finance committee for further review. In addition, a request was made to not fill vacant central office positions. She stated, " if there are sacrifices to be made then they must be made across the board."

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, the district reinstated all of the Math and Literacy Coaches. In order to reinstate the coaching positions, reductions were necessitated in several areas which include the elimination of several central office positions; elimination of some consultant contracts; and reduction of additional paid work days for certain employee classifications. Detailed information will be communicated shortly.

Thank you to every member who rallied behind our brothers and sisters by attending the meeting and addressing the School Board.

CBH Update	Contract Update
 Hiring Fair II will be held on the following dates: Thursday, June 11, 2015 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Both hiring fairs will be held at Central HS. PTU representatives will be present on both dates. Following the conclusion of the hiring fair offer/acceptance process, any teacher who does not secure a position through a hiring fair will be notified of available positions for this year's displaced teacher meeting. 	 The Tentative Agreement has been forwarded to the City's law department. In accordance with City Ordinance, the Agreement must be reviewed and approved by the City Council's Finance Committee and then by the full City Council. I will keep you posted as more information becomes available.

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Congratulations!

Providence Teacher of the Year



Diane Ciccarone was named the 2015 Providence Teacher of the Year! Diane is a 28-year veteran who currently teaches at Carl G. Lauro.

Golden Apple Award

Silvana Laramee and Donna Hanley were the Golden Apple Award recipients in May. Both teachers co-teach in an ESL classroom at the Lima Elementary School.

Congratulations to Diane, Silvana and Donna for a job well done!



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.

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:

June 23 (rescheduled from 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

<u>Teacher Programs</u>

On June 15th, teachers should receive their teaching program (name of course(s)/grade level) for the 2015-16 school year. Complete schedules to be provided no later than August 17th.

<u>Certification Renewal</u>

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.