

NEWARK TEACHERS UNION UPDATE

January 17, 2020

No Dime Left Behind



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Each year NTU members send back millions of dollars to the district in unused Extracurricular activities money. That needs to stop! Our kids deserve as many extracurricular activities as possible, and we deserve to have that money in our pocket.

Spoke to a twirler the other day who claimed she didn't have time to coach at her location because of her second job. After we calculated her travel time, wear & tear and mileage against her car lease, taxes, etc. she wasn't making that much more than her \$4,000/yr twirling stipend without killing herself getting to that side gig.

Lastly, there's the moral argument. Without an overabundance of engaging after school activities, we know that these streets will claim them. High school students eager to stand out in the college application process often participate in a litany of extracurricular activities. The last thing we want to hear come out of their mouth is "my school didn't offer any."

So come on people! Approach your administrator ASAP; tennis, swimming, robotics (\$10,840/yr that's crazy); culture clubs, etc. for a full list of titles & salaries see our contract <http://newark.nj.aft.org/>

In Solidarity,

John M. Abeigon

President/Director of Organization

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Wellness Updates!

The Flu

According to N.J. Health officials, NJ flu activity declared 'widespread,' cases soar in recent weeks... No one from the state health department is going to come in and wipe our classrooms & teacher lounges, etc. for us. Please follow and share these easy How To's and help keep the flu out of our schools.



From the CDC: [How To Clean and Disinfect Schools To Help Slow the Spread of Flu](#)

From Education World: [How to clean up the classroom in productive classroom activities](#)

Asthma Basics

The Newark Teachers Union, in collaboration with the NBOE and the American Lung Association is providing a lifesaving professional development opportunity to all district employees, free and online. Using your NPS email address please register for the online learning module referenced below. The average completion time is 45 minutes and the district has informed administrators that this Weds Staff Development Day may be an opportune time to take advantage of this opportunity. We would appreciate everyone taking the course and printing out the certificate to add to your PD portfolio by the end of the month.



The American Lung Association's [Asthma Basics](#) program is offered as a self-paced online learning module or an in-person workshop and designed to help people learn more about asthma. The program is ideal for front-line healthcare professionals, such as school nurses or community health workers, as well as individuals with asthma, parents of children with asthma, and co-workers, friends and family who want to learn more about asthma. The Asthma Basics online learning module is available in English and Spanish.

This program teaches participants to:

- Recognize and manage triggers,
- Understand the value of an asthma action plan, and
- Recognize and respond to a breathing emergency.
- One of the highlights of the program is the What Is Asthma? Animation that shows the three primary changes in the airways during an asthma episode.

Asthma Basics also includes comprehensive resources, including asthma medication devices and demonstration videos and downloads. **You can read more information and also register for the course by clicking [here](#).** You can also access the Spanish language version of the course [here](#).

[ALA Asthma Basics Flyer - English](#)

[ALA Asthma Basics Flyer - Spanish](#)

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Kudos—East Side High

NTU was proud to sponsor East Side High School students attendance at the 2019 Latino Youth Empowerment Conference hosted by Fairleigh Dickinson University. Kudos to the staff at ESHS for making this happen. NTU members & teachers in attendance at the Latino Empowerment Conference were: Mr. Brian Donovan, Ms. Daysi Acevedo, Mrs. Susana Alvarez, Mr. Marcos Barreiro and Mr. William Freire.



Kudos—Avon Avenue

Congratulations to the students of the Avon Avenue School Special Olympics Bowling Team!! Two students won first place and 2 students won second place!! Led by Avon's Teacher of the Year and NTU Executive Board member Timothy Carr, they now advance to the Sectionals. Avon Avenue School is the first Newark Public School Bowling Team to advance to the Sectionals!! Losing is never an option!



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2020 Hall of Fame Dinner and Scholarships

The NTU Education Foundation is proud to announce its 22nd Annual Albert Shanker Scholarship Awards and Hall of Fame Dinner on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at The Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place, Newark, NJ at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for this special program are \$80.00, which includes a buffet dinner and dessert, along with music and a special program for your enjoyment.

Last year, twenty students received academic scholarships, including two Presidential Awards in the amount of \$2,500.00, four Executive Awards in the amount of \$1,750.00 and the rest in the amount of \$1,000.00. You can support these fine young people and hardworking paraprofessionals by becoming a scholarship sponsor, purchasing tickets to attend our dinner, placing an ad for your business or publishing a personal message. Visit our website for the application, ad journal form, and additional information.

We are relying on your continued support and good will to continue this worthy endeavor. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Johanna Rios at (973) 643-8430 or e-mail ntuscholarshipawards@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, January 20, 2020—Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday- SCHOOLS CLOSED**
- **Tuesday, January 21, 2020. 3:45 PM—NTU Executive Board Meeting, 1019 Broad Street**
- **Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:00 PM—Newark Board of Education Business Meeting, 765 Broad Street**
- **Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 3:45 PM—NTU Building Rep Meeting, 1019 Broad Street**
- **Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 6:00 PM—Newark Board of Education Meeting, Chancellor Avenue School, 321 Chancellor Avenue**

Please note that Friday January 17th and Tuesday January 21st are the work days before or after a holiday respectively. To ensure that you get paid for the holiday weekend, you must take a personal day if you are going to be absent on any of those days.

You can only take a sick day on those days as long as it is part of an approved medical leave. Unless it is part of an extended FMLA, you must submit a medical certificate to NBOE Office of Administrative Services within 3 days of your return to work.

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NTU Website Update

Our website is still located at <http://newark.nj.aft.org>. Google seems to be having some issues finding the site, but it is still there. We have been in communication with Google on this issue and hope to have it resolved as soon as possible. You can still access the website through the above link, through other search engines, and through the link on our Facebook page. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

MEMBER SERVICES

NTU Members should never hesitate to communicate with us by phone, email, etc regarding any of the issues we handle at the Newark Teachers Union.

- Supplemental Fringe Benefits
- Planning for Retirement
- Pension & Buy Back Issues
- ER+D Staff Development
- AFT Membership Benefits
- FMLA and other leaves of absence
- Assistance with Evaluations and Observations
- Disciplinary Hearings
- Labor Relations & Payroll
- Legal Representation
- Workers Comp
- Tuition Reimbursement

Call 973-643-8430 or visit our website <http://newark.nj.aft.org> or email mmaillaro@newarkteachersunion.com to address these or any other concerns you may have.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/NewarkTeachersUnion481/>) and Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/newark_teachers_union/?hl=en)



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