

NEWARK TEACHERS UNION UPDATE

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Conspicuous Safety



Colleagues,

Last week, we suggested that staff should go on Google and find their “hybrid Doppelgänger” in search of some Hybrid Teaching PD. [On 60 Minutes last week, they did a terrific story about how Hybrid has been going in Marietta, Georgia.](#) This should be required viewing for all school staff!

We did a quick search on YouTube and found some other great examples:

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- [Special Education](#)

- [Place Value 4/5th Gr](#)

As we come back to in-person instruction, it is going to be important to help staff and students get back to things being as normal as possible, while of course making sure things are done in a safe manner. These videos offer classroom setup ideas and activities we can all learn something from.

One suggestion we brought to our Executive Board and Building Reps was Conspicuous Safety. If someone comes inside your social distance perimeter or violates district or CDC guidance in any way, very simply hold up your hand and remind them “Safety!” As we become increasingly vaccinated and Spring takes over, we may become too complacent and let our guard down—Safety!! .

We continue to get reports from our Executive Board and Building Reps about scheduling and the conditions of the schools. We will be sending them out another Return Preparedness Survey next week as we get closer to reopening. We will share those results with you and the Superintendent. Our shared goal is a safe and successful return, with everyone’s participation I am confident that no district will do this better than ours.

In Solidarity,

John M. Abeigon

President/Director of Organization

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2021 NTU Scholarships and Hall of Fame Inductees

The NTU Education Foundation is proud to announce its 2021 Albert Shanker Scholarship Awards and Hall of Fame Induction.



In 2019, 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.

This year, we will be inducting Steve Aduato into the NTU 2021 Hall of Fame, and Senator Ronald Rice will be receiving our NTU Legacy Award. Both men have a long history with the Newark Teachers Union and the city of Newark.



We are relying on your continued support and good will to continue this worthy endeavor. More information will be coming in the next few weeks on how you can support our students and your fellow staff. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (973) 643-8430 or e-mail ntuscholarshipawards@gmail.com.

[Click here for Scholarship Application!](#)

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Did you get your vaccine?

In our efforts to both promote the vaccine and instill confidence in our return to in-person instruction (for our visual learners), the NTU has produced buttons for NTU members who have gotten their vaccines! Send an email with your name, address, and proof that you are vaccinated (vaccine card or email confirmation) to sscreven@newarkteachersunion.com, and we will get one out to you!

SAVE THE DATE

- **Friday April 2 — Friday April 9—Spring Recess**
- **Tuesday, April 20 — NTU Executive Board Meeting—3:30 PM**
- **Wednesday, April 21 — Newark Board of Education Business Meeting—6:00 PM**
- **Tuesday, April 27 — Newark Board of Education Reorganization Meeting—6:00 PM**

Please note that April 1 and April 12 are the work days before or after a holiday. 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 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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AFT-NJ Social Justice Committee Training

AFT-NJ Social Justice Committee group, in collaboration with SURJ- NJ and Rutgers LEARN bring you Anti-Racism training in a 90-minute interactive webinar. We will discuss how white people, specifically, can learn to engage in conversation and activities about anti-racism and white privilege and examine why the dismantling of white supremacy is critical for all working people. Participants will learn how to take action in their workplace and community as a first step in a lifelong commitment to anti-racism.

Participants can register for one event day below:

March 30 at 7pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/146610013497>

Members of the Social Justice Committee include : Anthony Balzano, Jason Jordan, Nancy Gianni, Catia Nascimento, Robin Pinckney-St. John, Katie Dalby, Ryan Williamson, Darlene Smith, Leigh Anne Cobb, Carol Twoomey, Chris Junior, Elizabeth Govea, Christine O'Connell, Jonathan Rodrigues



IN THIS 90-MINUTE INTERACTIVE WEBINAR, PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN HOW TO TAKE ACTION IN THEIR WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITY AS A FIRST STEP IN A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO ANTI-RACISM. WE WILL DISCUSS HOW WHITE PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY, CAN LEARN TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION AND ACTIVITIES ABOUT ANTI-RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE AND EXAMINE WHY THE DISMANTLING OF WHITE SUPREMACY IS CRITICAL FOR ALL WORKING PEOPLE.

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A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL EVENT HOSTED BY



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FOR NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BACK TO SCHOOL!

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A ^ COMMUNITY DISCUSSION
ABOUT #OURSCHOOLS
RE-OPENING ON APRIL 12TH

Special Guest

Roger Leon

Superintendent Newark Public Schools



MONDAY
MARCH 29TH
6:00PM

BROADCASTING
LIVE ON FACEBOOK
@ALLIANCE4NPS

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ALLIANCE4NPS

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2021 NTU Election Nomination Meeting

Notice To All Members of the Newark Teachers Union Local 481 of the 2021 Virtual Nomination Meeting for the purpose of Nominating Candidates for President, Secretary-Treasurer and Twenty-Nine (29) Vice Presidents who shall serve as Executive Board Members of the Newark Teachers Union Local 481, for a two (2) year term commencing June 22, 2021

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, April 1, 2021
Time:	3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Place:	Virtual Nomination Meeting

VERIFYING MEMBERSHIP TO ATTEND THE VIRTUAL NOMINATION MEETING

A Newark Teachers Union member who wishes to attend the Thursday, April 1, 2021 virtual Nomination Meeting as a member, nominator or as a candidate shall first log onto <https://tinyurl.com/NTUNomination2021> beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021 for the purpose of verifying their Newark Teachers Union membership which will permit them to attend and participate in the virtual Nomination Meeting.

- [2021 Election Announcement](#)
- [2021 Election Nomination Rules](#)
- [2021 Election Secret Ballot Rules](#)
- [2021 Nomination Form](#)
- [2021 Nomination Acceptance Form](#)

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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.

- Planning for Retirement
- Pension & Buy Back Issues
- ER+D Staff Development
- Health and Supplemental Benefits
- 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

Under the current situation, it is vital to stay informed! If you have changed your address, phone number, or location, please reach out to

sscreven@newarkteachersunion.com to let us know. Also, if you don't get our weekly updates, send an email to mmaillaro@newarkteachersunion.com to make sure you are on our mailing list.

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

NTU Education Resource Center

Unfortunately, the NTU's Education Resource Center will not be available this school year. There was no way to reopen following CDC Guidelines. We will send out updates if and when the situation changes.

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