

NEWARK TEACHERS UNION UPDATE

April 16, 2021



Colleagues,

The district is eligible for \$84,217,960 of money from the American Rescue Plan. On Monday, the district will be sending out a survey looking for suggestions on how to use that money.

Although the district did run the Survey by us, the Superintendent's Leadership Team discarded our recommended changes. I urge you not to check off any of their suggestions, and use some of our below suggestions in the additional comments section.

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We would suggest to staff to sit down with your Building Reps and colleagues to come up with solid recommendations for how this money can best be used. [The state's website has a lengthy](#)

[list of acceptable uses of this money.](#)

Some things we would recommend:

- **Provide teachers, staff, and other school leaders with resources necessary to address individual school needs.**
- **Purchase educational technology approved by teachers and classroom staff.**
- **Providing mental health services and supports for staff and students**
- **Delivering specialized or rigorous courses of instruction.**
- **Partner with the community and global experts to provide access to college and career options via virtual tours, discussions and other means.**
- **Establish mentoring and/or tutoring program for students, especially from special populations.**
- **Train teachers to prepare themselves and students for re-entry to the classroom after an extended absence.**
- **Provide virtual externships for CTE teachers.**
- **Provide training for parents/families and staff on the use of technology devices during periods of virtual instruction.**

In Solidarity,

John M. Abeigon

President/Director of Organization

Newark Teachers Union Local 481, AFT, AFL-CIO

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Reopening Reminders

[Newark's Reopening has been getting major media coverage.](#) And well deserved! The staff of Newark (as we always have), have gone above and beyond to ensure that this has been one of the most successful returns in the country! While fighting through some technology hiccups and trying to shake off the "classroom rust," everyone put their best foot forward.

BUT! It's important not to get complacent. Make sure you, your colleagues and your students follow district and CDC guidelines at all times! Conspicuous safety!! We have already had some classrooms that had to be shut down because of positive tests.

Follow district procedures!!

Upon notification of a positive case, the employee or student should notify the school nurse or Office of Health Services. The Office of Health Services will communicate with school and district level administration, as appropriate, to track movement of the person who tested positive. Impacted individuals will be notified. The Superintendent will also be notified and along with the Executive Director of Facilities determine whether to close the facility or any portion thereof. All affected areas will be cleaned and sanitized prior to reopening. In-person students will engage in remote learning during the closure so that instruction continues without disruption.

Students and staff, unless fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, should stay home if they have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 within the past 14 days. If someone in their household is being tested for COVID-19 due to illness, students and staff, unless fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, should stay home until the test result is received.



From CDC "Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask." Click for more info!

Did you get your vaccine?

WEAR YOUR BUTTON!

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!



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NTU Election Update

The April 1, 2021 Newark Teachers Union Membership and Nomination Meeting was called to order as publicized. Pursuant to the NTU Constitution, the meeting was to nomination by members of those who seek office in the Newark Teachers Union as President, Secretary-Treasurer and 29 Vice Presidents and Executive Board Members

There being no other candidates nominated other than the United For Change slate, a motion and second for a single vote was cast in favor of the United For Change slate and they were duly elected as Officers of the NTU for a two year term starting in June 2021:

President John M. Abeigon

Secretary Treasurer: Michael Iovino

- Victor Afonso
- Noor Alam
- Cristina Balboa
- Chris Canik
- Ronnie D. Carney
- Timothy D. Carr
- Cassandra Chapman-Talmdge
- Donna Charles
- John Cunha
- Mark Donetz
- Josephine Donnellan
- Kristyn Faison
- Joicki Floyd
- Love Gallard
- Frank Garcia
- Nancy Gianni
- Yvette Jordan
- Carmen Lopez Wolf
- Kathleen Murphy-Butler
- Catia Nascimento
- Silvia Pereira
- Justin Petino
- Jennifer Ramos
- Marisa Rodriguez
- Ryan Sandor
- Larry Sullivan
- Janae Taylor
- Neil Thomas
- Tennille Wasek

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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 Adubato into the NTU 2021 Hall of Fame posthumously, 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. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (973) 643-8430 or e-mail ntuscholarshipawards@gmail.com.



**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS
MONDAY, APRIL 26!**

**Click here for REVISED Scholarship
Application and Ad Journal Purchases**

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NTU Executive Board

Under the NTU Constitution, Executive Board Meetings are open to the membership, except for when in Executive Session. Currently, the NTU is doing virtual meetings, so we are asking members who wish to attend the meetings to fill out the attached information, and we will send you a link to the meeting. All requests must be in by close of business on the day before the meeting (for our April 20, 2021 meeting, that means all requests must be in by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 19)

For security reasons, please use your NBOE email, and you must be an NTU member to receive a meeting link.

We will set aside some time at the end of the meeting for members who would like to address the Executive Board.

Executive Board Meetings

Tuesday, March 23, 2021—3:30 PM

Tuesday, April 20, 2021—3:30 PM

Tuesday, May 25, 2021—3:30 PM

Tuesday, June 22, 2021—3:30 PM



SAVE THE DATE

- Tuesday, April 20 — NTU Executive Board Meeting—3:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 21—NTU Building Rep 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

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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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