



STATE OF THE UNION

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MFT59

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CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at MFT59's offices, 67th 8th Ave NE, 55413

Ongoing through November 6th
early in-person voting
Hennepin County Gov't Center

Friday, November 2nd

Final day to submit ballots for the proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws. All ballots are due at MFT59 by 7:00pm on Friday November 2nd.

SITE VISITS

Take advantage of the opportunity to chat with President Michelle Wiese and business agents Bonita Jones and Mike Leiter.

Tues, 11/6: Washburn and Seward

Friday 11/9: Southwest and Justice

ESP CONTRACT!

Our comrades in the MFT59 ESP chapter are voting this week on the tentative agreement reached on their contract. Share some camaraderie with the ESPs at your site(s) as they make this important decision.



**We all do better when
we all do better.
-- Paul Wellstone
VOTE!!!!**

END OF QUARTER - TELEWORK REMINDER

The first-quarter record keeping day is this Friday, November 2nd. Our current contract allows most members to work off-site on record-keeping days:

2.2.2 Telework: Members are eligible for teleworking during the professional work days designated for grading and reporting.

a. The Principal may determine which positions, if any, may need to be onsite for all or part of the day to support other professionals in the building or to fulfill their professional responsibilities. Such decisions shall be communicated to the affected staff no later than one week prior to the scheduled record-keeping.

b. First-year Teachers will be required to work onsite.

c. Teachers can telework the last record-keeping day only after all end-of-year and classroom close-out requirements are met.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS - VOTING!

Voting is now open on the proposed changes to the MFT59 Constitution & Bylaws. Site stewards should have distributed ballots and your completed ballot should be returned to your site steward.

If you did not receive a ballot, you are not a member of MFT59. Without delay, please contact MFT59 (call, email, or in person) to let us know you'd like to join - we will deliver a membership card and ballot to you at your site. Site stewards will be collecting the ballots and will communicate the times to drop off ballots at your site during the October 22nd - November 2nd voting period. All ballots must be submitted by November 2nd in order for your vote to count!

If you prefer to vote in-person, you may come to MFT59 any time during regular business hours on October 31st and November 1st, and during extended hours on Friday, November 2nd until 7:00pm.

If you have any questions about voting, your ballot, the process, or the proposed changes, please email teacher@mft59.org so your question can be directed to the appropriate person or committee.

Vote

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For information on your polling place, education related issues, and local candidates, visit: **edmnvotes.org**

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING INFO

Hennepin County residents can vote at the Hennepin County Gov't Center, 300 South 6th St, Minneapolis, MN 55487-0012

County Election Official: Ginny Gelms - 612-348-5151 | hc.vote@hennepin.us

County Absentee Voting Contact Jim Howitt - 612-348-5151

For Minneapolis residents, early voting is also available at the Minneapolis Early Voting Center located at 217 3rd St S, Minneapolis



Vote in-person NOW - Nov 6th!

Visit the MFT59 store and stock up on **#REDforED*** MFT Gear. Ordering deadline extended to Nov. 21st!

The #redfored hashtag, MFT59 teacher & ESP logo appear on the back of all t-shirts



**NO SHIPPING COSTS!
- ALL ORDERS WILL
BE DELIVERED TO
MFT FOR PICK-UP OR
SCHOOL DELIVERY**



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