



STATE OF THE UNION

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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

Wednesday, October 24th

- Teacher Chapter Meeting, 5:00pm
- Contract & Bylaws Proposed Changes Info Session, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Tuesday, October 30th

Teacher Chapter Executive Board Meeting, 4:15pm
Joint Executive Board Meeting 5:30pm

SITE VISITS

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

Wednesday, 10/24: Dowling

Thursday, 10/25: Harrison

Monday, 10/29: Green Central

Tues, 10/30: Wilder and Barton

BLANKET DRIVE

Thank you to all members who donated new and like-new items to the Franklin-Hiawatha Camp. MFT59 members donated 6 carloads of winter goods for the residents of the camp.

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.

-- Helen Keller

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS - VOTING

Voting is now open on the proposed changes to the MFT59 Constitution & Bylaws. Site stewards will be distributing ballots to staff mailboxes or directly to individuals at each site.

If you do not receive a ballot, you are not a member of MFT59. 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 so you can join MFT59 and vote on the referendum.

Site stewards will also 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 from October 22nd to November 2nd and during extended hours on:

- **Monday, Oct 22nd (until 7:00pm)**
- **Wednesday Oct 24th (until 8:00pm)**
- **Monday, Oct 29th (until 7:00pm), or**
- **Friday Nov 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.

ESPS RALLY AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING



About 200 ESPs, teachers, RPSs, students, and community members gathered on October 9th

to rally for at the MPS School Board meeting. Despite the rain, the gathered crowd marched both inside and outside the Davis Center, chanting and carrying signs focused on the outstanding issues in the ESPs contract currently in negotiations. During the public comment period of the meeting, numerous ESPs shared stories of professional success achieved despite understaffed buildings, difficult physical work, and the second and even third jobs many hold to support their families. Video of the public comments is on MFT59's Facebook page.

DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Visit the MFT59 store
and stock up on
#REDforED* MFT Gear.

Orders by the new
deadline: Nov. 21st!

mft59.myshopify.com

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



VOTE

Vote in-person between NOW & November 6th!

MFT59 DAY OF ACTION

Join MPS school board candidates Kimberly Caprini and Josh Pauly at MFT59 on Saturday, October 27th for a Get Out the Vote Day of Action!

There will be two shifts
between 10am and 4pm,
from 10 - 1 and from 1 - 4.
RSVP to Daniel Cox,
dcox@mft59.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

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