



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.

Wednesday, September 26th
Teacher Chapter Meeting, 5pm

Friday, September 28th - Steward
elections at your site should be
finished. Please email
teacher@mft59.org with the names of
your newly elected stewards.

*A calendar for the full school year (with those
meetings currently scheduled) can be found
on the main page of the MFT59 website:
mft59.mn.aft.org.*

TEACHER CHAPTER MEETINGS

Teacher chapter meetings provide the opportunity for you to meet with colleagues from around the district, learn about the nuances of the MFT59 contract with MPS, get essential information about MFT59 events and actions, raise concerns, ask questions, and make suggestions to the MFT59 leadership.

Teacher chapter meetings are open to all members, including teachers, adult education educators, psychologists, counselors, and other RSPs.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, with a few exceptions when that date

falls on a holiday. All meetings are held at the MFT59 union hall, begin at 5:00pm, and last for about an hour to an hour and a half.

Schedule for 2018-19:

September 26th

October 24th

November 28th

**December 19th - third
Wednesday!**

January 16th

February 27th

March 27th

April 24th

May 22nd

SITE VISITS

Site visits by Michelle Wiese and business agents Bonita Jones and Mike Leiter continue next week:

Tuesday Sept 24th: Jefferson

Wednesday Sept 25th: Jefferson

Thursday Sept 26th: Sheridan

Friday Sept 27th: Anthony

Monday October 1st: Northeast
Middle School

Tuesday October 2nd: Northeast
Middle School

Wednesday October 3rd: Marcy

Thursday October 4th: March

Friday October 5th: Cityview

EXECUTIVE BOARD AT-LARGE SEATS OPEN

Two at-large seats were recently vacated on the MFT59 Teacher Chapter Executive Board. According to the MFT59 Constitution and Bylaws, new board members must be nominated and elected at the next Teacher Member Meeting, which takes place this Wednesday, September 26th at 5:00pm.

Nominations can be emailed to dhogan@mft59.org until 4pm on Wednesday or made during the meeting. Voting will take place

after nominations have closed. Due to several events taking place at schools on the 26th, voting will remain open until 9:00pm. Anyone unable to attend the regularly scheduled meeting is welcome to come to MFT and vote until 9:00pm. We encourage you to bring colleagues to participate in this important process.

If you have questions about the election, please email teacher@mft59.org or call the MFT59 offices at 612-529-5621.

UNION VICTORY! The Resource Training and Solutions board has voted to dissolve their anti-labor, anti-public education corporation after teacher union members across the nation declined to participate in their costly and sub-par professional development, opting instead to focus on building strong professional development opportunities in their state and local unions!

ADULT ED CONTRACT

Adult Education is currently negotiating their contract with the District.

The Adult Ed negotiations team has presented a half-dozen proposals to the District and are waiting for their response.

The next negotiations session will take place on October 1st, and every other Monday after that date.

ESP ACTIONS!

As the ESP chapter of the MFT59 continues negotiating their contract, they have planned two actions that MFT59 encourage all members to attend!

RALLY at the Tuesday, October 9th School Board Meeting - 4pm

Gather with your friends and colleagues before the regular board meeting and tell the MPS School Board that our ESP siblings deserve a raise!

Full details are on the MFT59 and MFT59 ESP FaceBook pages.

Thursday, October 11th

ESPs will be negotiating with the District beginning at 6:30 pm. Bring your colleagues and friends and show your support.

If you are available to provide child care for this event, email teacher@mft59.org.

"Every election is determined by the people who show up."

— Larry J. Sabato

Help build a strong future for Minneapolis by voting YES twice for school services that will support the increased focus on literacy and social and emotional learning our students need to succeed today and in the future.

This funding will help ensure every school has the same level of resources and support system for every student, no matter where they live in Minneapolis.



GET OUT & VOTE!

EARLY VOTING NOW OPEN!

Friday, September 21st marked the first day for in-person early voting in Minnesota.

Hennepin County residents can vote at:

Hennepin County Gov't Center
300 South 6th St PSL 012
Minneapolis, MN 55487-0012

County Election Official: Ginny Gelms - 612-348-5151
email: 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, MN 55401

MFT59 HOSTING SEPT 29 DAY OF ACTION

Make plans with your friends and colleagues to attend the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federations' Get Out the Vote Day of Action on Saturday, Sept 29th.

Participants will phone bank and door-knock, encouraging Minneapolis residents to vote for the MPS referenda and for pro-labor, pro-education candidates in the upcoming elections and reminding people that early voting is now open.

Saturday, Sept 29th
10am-4pm
MFT59, 67 8th Ave NE

Door -knocking and phone banking also take place
Monday - Thursday from 4-8pm
@ the MRLF
312 Central Ave SE, #542
Minneapolis

These days of action are essential for ensuring that pro-labor, pro-public education officials are elected, from the school board to county commissioner to governor.

Other days of action:

Wednesday October 3, 4-8pm
Saturday, Oct 27, 4-8p
@ Teamsters 120
9422 Ulysses St NE
Blaine 55434

FIND US ONLINE!



[@mftlocal59](https://www.facebook.com/mftlocal59)



[@mft59](https://twitter.com/mft59)



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LAY MY HEAD DOWN Blanket Drive

Fall 2018 Indigenous people experiencing homelessness established the camp known as "**The Wall**" with only a few tents. It has grown today to 300+ campers drawing attention to growing **homelessness** and **housing insecurity** in Minneapolis and the Twin Cities area. Many community members and agencies provide support for campers. (NAH) *Natives Against Heroin* maintains a 24/7 presence to assist campers by accepting donations and redistributing them into the camp, providing meals and security when possible.

We are **community** members with diverse reasons driving us to come together in community and **help others in need**. Your **new and gently used warm blankets and other donations** will be directly distributed to the individuals in camp. With colder weather coming, a **blanket could save a life**. But your donations do more: **by providing warmth both physically and emotionally, you help others to know that they matter and are not forgotten.**

FIND, JOIN & CONTACT US:



facebook.com/groups/27804968613299

**Blanket Drive for the community at
The Wall of Forgotten Natives**

(or) call/text **612-275-1025**

Join Us At These Community Events!

Operation Recovery @
MCTC: Helland Center
1423 Harmon Place, MPLS
Thursday, September 20
10a – 2pm

Slut Walk Twin Cities
Father Hennepin Park
420 SE Main Street, MPLS
Saturday, October 6
2 – 5:30pm

ITEMS NEEDED:

****Please ONLY New or
Clean & Ready to Use****

- Pillows ***<NEW ONLY>***
Blankets. Sleeping Bags.
Tarps. Tents. Rugs.
- Winter Gear & Outerwear
Rain Ponchos. Socks.
- Coolers
Flashlights & Batteries
Large Plastic Storage
Containers
- Pads & Tampons
Toilet Paper
- Similac: *Sensitive Formula***
Gatorade/Vitamin Water
- **(GIFT CARDS)** Sam's Club,
Aldi, Wal-Mart, Kmart, local
grocery stores, etc.

DROP-OFF SITES

Weekday Business Hours

Roosevelt High School
4029 S 28th Ave, MINNEAPOLIS

MFT Teachers Union
67 8th Ave NE, MINNEAPOLIS

Work-It
635 Fairview Ave N, ST PAUL

White Earth Substance Abuse
1730 Clifton Place, MINNEAPOLIS

Valhalla Place
2807 Brookdale Dr, BROOKLYN PARK

EVENINGS / WEEKENDS :

3805 41st Ave S, MINNEAPOLIS