

NEWSLETTER

Local 1075

October 2024

Meet Our Executive Board:

Kelly Erinakes – President
Debra Lathrop – VP
 Elementary
Joe Fagnoli – VP Secondary
Tiffany Risch – Secretary
Greg Wightman – Treasurer
Sue Toohey-Kaye –
 Professional Development
Ted Mitchell – Public Relations

Donna Beaudoin – CHS Rep.
John Kelly – CHS Rep.
Matt Paiva – CHS Rep.
Christine Conklin – ASFMS Rep.
Derek Larginho – ASFMS Rep.
Jennifer Limoges – Western Rep.
Colleen Riessen – Western Rep.
Tara D’Aleno – Tiogue Rep.
Julie Marran – Hopkins Hill Rep.
Kristin Hill – Washington Oak Rep.
Michelle Gallagher – Washington Oak Rep.
Helen Tiernan – Blackrock Rep.

Membership Meeting Dates:

January 9th
 March 13th
 May 8th

ASFMS @ 4PM



2024 Endorsements

President: Kamala Harris/Tim Walz
US Senate: Sheldon Whitehouse
US Congress District 1: Gabe Amo
US Congress District 2: Seth Magaziner

General Election Candidates:

Rhode Island House of Representatives

H 15 Maria Bucci CTA
 H 16 Brandon Potter* CTA
 H 21 James McElroy WTU
 H 22 Joseph Solomon* WTU
 H 26 Earl Read COV/WW
 H 27 Patricia Serpa* RIFTHP
 H 31 Julie Casimiro* RIFTHP
 H 33 Carol Hagan McEntee* RIFTHP
 H 34 Teresa Tanzi* RIFTHP

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H 35 Kathy Fogarty* RIFTHP
 H 39 Megan Cotter* RIFTHP
 H 42 Kelsey Coletta JFT
 H 43 Deborah Fellela* JFT
 H 46 MaryAnn Shallcross Smith* LTA
 H 66 Jennifer Boylan* RIFTHP
 H 68 June Speakman* RIFTHP
 H 69 Susan Donovan* RIFTHP
 H 70 John Edwards* RIFTHP

Rhode Island Senate

S 5 Samuel Bell* PTU
 S 8 Lori Urso RIFTHP
 S 10 Walter Felag* RIFTHP
 S 13 Dawn Euer* RIFTHP
 S 19 Ryan Pearson* RIFTHP
 S 24 Melissa Murray* WTG
 S 25 Andrew Dimitri JFT
 S 26 Todd Patalano CTA
 S 29 Peter Appollonio WTU
 S 31 Matthew LaMountain* WTU
 S 33 Leonidas P Raptakis* CTA
 S 37 Susan Sosnowski* RIFTHP
 S 38 Victoria Gu* RIFTHP
 *Incumbent

Coventry Town Council

District 5 – Michael Grattan
 At Large Seat – Leo Blais
 (No other TC candidates wished to be interviewed)

**UNION MEMBERS ...
 GO VOTE
 YOUR JOB DEPENDS ON IT!**



A Vote for Harris = A Vote for Unions

- Biden-Harris administration signed an executive order requiring federal contractors to pay a minimum wage of \$15/hour.
- Biden-Harris administration required employers to pay overtime to workers who earn less than \$58,600 per year.
- Kamala Harris chaired the White House Task Force on Worker Organizing and Empowerment, whose recommendations have included removing barriers to workers joining unions.
- Harris is committed to signing the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act.

More reasons here

CTA Newsletter

REJECT QUESTION 1

- TO PROTECT...
- REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
 - VOTING RIGHTS
 - LGBTQ+ RIGHTS
 - WORKERS' RIGHTS
 - IMMGRANTS' RIGHTS
 - OUR CONSTITUTION
- ...AND TO SAVE TAXPAYER MONEY

Please VOTE NO on State Referenda Question One: CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

If approved, our state would have to set up a special election and select 75 delegates to represent each of the House of Representative districts. These delegates set up their own agenda with little accountability, public input, or checks and balances on changes they might propose.

It is estimated that this process would cost us taxpayers around \$4 million. It is also an invitation for special interests with much more money than our union brethren have to influence the delegates.

The last time RI held a convention our Constitution was amended to include anti-abortion language and restrictions on voting requirements. In 2014 there was a huge anti-labor movement that was working to limit collective bargaining rights to salary ONLY. This would mean that we would have no input or control over the length of the school day or year, prep time, lunch breaks, job placements, and more.

Vote NO on Question One!

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AMERICA'S UNIONS



Project 2025 & Trump's Agenda 47 Call for the Elimination of the Department of Education - What would this mean?

Funding: Federal money makes up around 11% of all public school funding nationwide. While Trump's campaign agenda doesn't specify how it will deal with Title I funding, Project 2025 proposes that the program be phased out over a ten year period.

Privatization: Both Trump's 47 Agenda and Project 2025 call for vouchers that could be used for religious schools and, more importantly, non-unionized schools.

Abolishing Teacher Tenure: Trump's plan will implement funding preferences for schools that abolish tenure and adopt merit pay programs.

Censuring Curriculum: Trump plans to reinstate his 1776 Commission and create a credentialing body to certify teachers who embrace patriotic values. Get ready for many book bans.



RIFTHP PD:

As in the past, our state AFT, RIFTHP, offers a variety of professional development through local unions but also virtual and in-person opportunities. For more information regarding RIFTHP PD sessions ([Link](#))

Also available on this site are recordings and the slide presentations of past professional development sessions. For those interested in PLUs, follow the directions on the website or within the presentation itself.

Please contact me directly by email with any questions related to this professional development or any AFT/RIFTHP/CTA professional development!

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