

January 11, 2009

- **LPN PROGRAM** – Gov Rell announced Nov 30th that she is suspending the adult LPN programs. The cut affects 44 union members in 10 schools. **Please see the LPN link on our homepage for more details.** On Dec 2nd, three LPN nurses spoke to Gov Rell, who made the comment that if the program could find a way to cover its cost; it would not have to be cut.
 - The crisis committee, which met at SVFT office on Thursday, Jan 7th, continue their efforts to restore the LPN program and discussed ways to obtain more press coverage and discuss Susan Bysiewicz's letter (to the Governor)
- **ELI WHITNEY RENOVATION** – The movement to restore Eli Whitney to the bonded money list continues. The staff at Whitney, with the support and attendance of the SVFT officers, will hold a legislative breakfast to be held on 1/20/10 at Eli Whitney.
- **MEDIA TRAINING** – A technology workshop has been offered to the SVFT officers from AFT-CT. The workshop will focus on using other media avenues such as facebook and twitter to keep membership informed of issues and create a collegial forum for members to contact other members.
- **TEAM** – New teachers who did not participate in BEST are required to complete the TEAM program to obtain Provisional certification. Ten of our members have been offered the opportunity to participate in the pilot program scheduled for this spring. Mentors of the old BEST program will need to attend Mentor Update Training offered through the Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs).
- **SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION** – Interviews were conducted on Friday, January 8th. Final announcement is expected after approval by the State Board on February 3rd. For the first time in SVFT history, leadership was offered to participate in the interview process.
- **SENIORITY LIST** –A final copy of the seniority list was distributed to building reps at the Dec 9th council meeting, and is available in the "members only" section of our website. Every member is encouraged to review and notify the SVFT office with errors, omissions or changes that need to be made to the list.
- **HEALTH & SAFETY VISIT** –The committee will visit Platt THS on Tuesday, January 19th.
- **WRIGHT TECH RENOVATIONS** – The first ad-hoc committee meeting took place on December 22nd. The Stamford Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Jack Conclin, accepted the offer to chair the committee and stated the goal of the committee is to develop a plan for Wright Tech in Stamford and make it a flagship technical high school. At the next meeting the committee plans to focus on identifying traces, curriculum changes, "green" technology, partnerships, and existing shops that need to be refurbished.
- **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING** – The last meeting was held December 9th, please reference our web page for a synopsis of the meeting. The next Executive Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		13 CTHSS/SDE Meeting @ Vinal 9:30 am SVFT Council Meeting @ AFT-CT 5:00 pm	14 AFT-CT Executive Committee Meeting @ 5:00 pm	15 SEBAC Meeting @ 9:00 am at CSEA
18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY! No Classes	19 Platt THS Health & Safety Visit @ 9:00 am TOY Committee Meeting @ 4:00 pm	20 Legislative Breakfast @ 10:00 Legislative Office Building	21 Pre K-12 Teachers' Meeting @ 4:30 pm	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!
25 SVFT Officers Meeting @ 1:00 pm	26 Budget Committee Meeting @ 4:00 pm	27 Scholarship Committee Meeting @ 4:00 pm	28	29
1 SVFT Officers Meeting @ 1:00 pm	2	3 SDE Board Meeting @ 9:00 am 2010 Legislative Session Begins @ 12:00 pm	4 SVFT Administrative Meeting @ 8:30 am SVFT Office	5 Executive Committee Meeting @ 9:00am
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