

December 14, 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.
 - Monday, Dec 7th – An LPN representative from each school met with the SVFT officers and AFT-CT's lobbyist and developed a plan to have legislation introduced to increase LPN student fees to make the program cost neutral.
 - Tuesday, Dec 8th – union officers met with Dan Livingston to discuss questions concerning SEBAC protection
 - Tuesday, Dec 8th – union officers, LPN instructors, and students gathered at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford for the Press conference (please see our facebook for photos)
 - Thursday, Dec 10th – the LPN Crisis Committee met at SVFT office to discuss next steps
 - A Vocational Instructor Extra (newsletter) is being developed with more detailed information
- **SUPERINTENDENT MEETING** – SVFT leadership met with administration on Friday, December 11th at the SVFT office. Agenda items included; Possible suspension of NOCTI, the Kaynor Model, LPN update, Sabbatical, Chemical Hygiene Officer Training, PowerTeacher, and DWTAs.
- **ELI WHITNEY RENOVATION** – The movement to restore Eli Whitney to the bonded money list continues. The staff at Whitney are in the process of developing a legislative breakfast to be held on 1/20/10 at Eli Whitney
- **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.
- **SCHOOL VISITS** – We continue with school visits. So far in December we have visited Platt, Grasso and Bullard Havens. The remaining 5 schools will be visited by the end of December or the beginning of January.
- **HEALTH & SAFETY VISIT** –The committee will visit Ellis THS on Monday, December 14th.
- **SUPPLIES** – At every available venue, SVFT Leadership continue to raise the concern of how difficult our teachers' jobs have become from the lack of funds, materials and supplies. The Interim Superintendent has assured us that principals have been given a small amount of supply money to distribute.
- **WRIGHT TECH RENOVATIONS** – President Rick Tanasi met with representatives from the architectural firm contracted for the renovation of JM Wright. The group reviewed the preliminary drawings and several ambitious cost saving ideas were presented. The ad-hoc committee, approved Dec 2nd by the state board, begins its charge on December 18th.