

December 7, 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. Letters were emailed to our members on Dec 1st (please see the LPN link on SVFT 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 will meet with the SVFT officers, AFT-CT representatives, and legislators at the SVFT office to develop a plan to have legislation introduced to increase LPN student fees to make the program cost neutral.
 - Tuesday, Dec 8th – union officers will meet with Dan Livingston to discuss questions concerning SEBAC protection
 - Tuesday, Dec 8th – Press conference 11:30 a.m. at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford
 - Thursday, Dec 10th – SVFT PAC/Outreach Committee meeting 4:00 p.m. at SVFT office to discuss next steps
 - Tuesday, Dec 15th – Rally at the state capitol (time and location to be determined)
- **COMMISSIONER VISIT** – On Monday, November 30th, the SVFT officers, the interim superintendent, both assistant superintendents, and Commissioner Mark McQuillan met at Central Office. Items discuss; the LPN program, school budgets, supplies, Eli Whitney, and his vision of our system in these tough economic times.
- **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
- **SENIORITY LIST** –A final copy of the seniority list will be distributed to building reps at the Dec 9th meeting, and will be available on SVFT 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.
- **HEALTH & SAFETY VISIT** – On November 15th the Health and Safety Committee visited Norwich THS. The committee plans to 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.