



NEWSLINER

Post Card Campaign: You are needed for this Critical Lobby Effort

CFT has distributed postcards for members to sign in support of the Hands Off Our Health Care campaign. The postcards urge House and Senate leaders to stop a plan to eliminate your right to negotiate health care benefits.

Each member will receive two postcards, one addressed to House Speaker Jon Husted (R-Kettering) and one addressed to Senate President Bill Harris (R-Ashland). Members are asked to write their name and address on the post-

cards, as well as a personal note, then return the postcards to their Building Rep, who will forward to CFT to place postage on each card. The postcards to Husted and Harris, who have the power to stop this plan, will be mailed from CFT. If enacted, the plan will eliminate your collective bargaining rights and force you to enroll in a state health care plan that is expected to cost you more for less coverage.

The timing of the post card campaign is critical.



Please complete your postcards and submit to your BR as soon as possible but no later than

Tuesday 3/30/06, so that we will make a dramatic impact on an issue that is vital to each member and families and which is very time-sensitive.

If you did not receive these post cards, please contact the CFT office at 961-2272 or email cft@cft-aft.org and we will make sure you receive them.

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2006 Retirement Luncheon

For Teachers and ACPSOP members retiring in 2006, will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the Vernon Manor. Cocktails served at noon with lunch at 12:30.

If you are retiring this year and did not receive your invitation with meal selection and RSVP information, contact Ralph Jackson at 475-6047, 961-2272 or rjackson@cft-aft.org. RSVP's due by 5/26/06



Smiling All The Way To Retirement



Have questions concerning retirement plans? Is your head spinning over the different plans available to you? Well, we can help. After countless hours of analyzing, AFT has chosen to endorse a company who will provide you with a good product in which to invest your money and also provide the education to help you do this wisely. Both AFT and CFT support ING as a supplemental retirement plan provider to CFT/ACPSOP members.

In addition to working with you individually, ING will also be conducting periodic seminars at the CFT offices located at 2721 Central Parkway, Suite B. **The first such seminar** will be offered **June 15 at 12:45 p.m.** Feel free to bring a friend or spouse. Light refreshments will be served, so please **RSVP** right away by calling **CFT at 961-2272 or email ksingleton@cft-aft.org**. ING will present a seminar entitled "Plan for Retirement: The Day You Start Working is the Day to Start Planning". You do not need to be or become an ING client in order to participate in the seminars or to take advantage of their individual educational opportunities.

Summer is the perfect time to schedule a one-on-one appointment to receive a personal *Retirement Needs Analysis* to find out where you stand on the road toward retirement.

NOTICE

The deadline to submit classified ads to be included in the last issue of the CFT Newsliner for the 2005-2006 school year is Friday, June 9, 2006.

Submit your text via fax 961-0629 or to ksingleton@cft-aft.org.

All ad's run for one issue and are subject to editing.

CFT/ACPSOP Members and Families

**End of the School Year Open House/
Picnic in the Parking Lot at the
CFT Office!**

**2721 Central Parkway
(South side of the Greater Cincinnati Credit Union)**



Friday, June 2

3:00—6:00 p.m.

**Food and Beverages
Provided by CFT/ACPSOP**

M.A.T Program University of Cincinnati

*A Master's program exclusively for
math teachers!*

The M.A.T Program is a summer program of courses designed for teachers that emphasizes mathematical content rather than teaching methods. There are two terms each summer that do not conflict with secondary school calendars.

University Graduate Scholarships (tuition remission) are available on a competitive basis to all students in the MAT program.

For program and application information see <http://math.uc.edu/grad/mat.html> or email Steve Pelikan at pelican@math.uc.edu

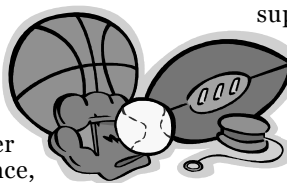
"I am in this program and it is a wonderful opportunity." Jessica Lowe, Math Teacher

Schedule E Work & Compensation is Part of the CFT CBA by Ed Jaspers, Field Rep.

The CBA states that the ILT shall annually develop an extracurricular (Schedule E) plan by May 15.

If there is a vacancy in any Schedule E position, the principal shall post the vacancy in the building for five (5) working days during which time a teacher may indicate his/her preference for such position. If a vacancy is not filled by a teacher in the building, the principal may declare a vacancy system-wide and, if so, shall distribute a notice of vacancy to each school and consider any applications received within ten (10) working days of the date of distribution. All qualified teachers who have indicated their preference for a position shall be

considered and the principal shall appoint a district teacher unless no current teacher applies who is qualified for the position. If two or more district teachers apply for the position, the principal shall consider their training, experience, and individual qualifications and the number of other extracurricular activities to which the teachers are assigned. If those factors are substantially equal, seniority shall control the choice. Supplemental contracts specifying the amount of compensation shall be issued to all



teachers who are assigned to positions under Schedule E prior to the time of supplemental employment or as soon thereafter as possible. The principal is required to post a list of all schedule E positions that are filled or vacant at each school in the school office at the end of the first and third quarters. The list must include the name and contract amount for each schedule E position.

Board Procedure 4115.5 shall apply to the selection of teachers to fill the positions of Athletic Director, Head Varsity Football Coach, and Head Varsity Basketball Coach.

Bills to Raise Graduation Requirements Introduced



Two companion bills that seek to raise graduation requirements while offering no plan for preparing students to master those courses were introduced in a joint session of both House and Senate education committees Tuesday. The Ohio Core, as Gov. Bob Taft has named the plan, aims to raise the bar for high school graduates, and restrict admissions to Ohio's 4-year universities those who reach the higher standards.

If approved, Ohio **Core** would require that all high school graduates complete higher level course work that in-

cludes four years each of math and English, three years each of science and social studies, and two years of foreign language. It also would require that students show competency in those areas before admission to a state-funded college or university.

We have long supported raising academic standards and requiring more rigorous courses to better prepare students for college and/or the modern work world. However, neither the governor, nor backers of these bills have offered any ideas or increased investment to better prepare students to excel in the additional courses they seek to require.

Investment must be made in the early grades to prepare students for this rigorous high school curriculum. In recent years, however, Ohio's early childhood programs have declined. High quality early childhood education programs must be provided for all who need them and state-funded all-day kindergarten must be offered in every elementary school. Until we do that, we are not going to close the achievement gaps and prepare all students to meet high standards.

The governor's education aide has been quoted as saying he expects the legislation to be approved and ready for signing before the legislature breaks.

Candidates Fall Short in STRS Vote

Candidates backed by OFT and Protect Our Pensions Ohio did not win election to the STRS Board this year. Vote tallies were presented May 6 by VR Election Services, the company contracted by STRS to conduct the vote. Tellers appointed by each candidate reviewed the tallies and had the opportunity to inspect the ballots. Candidates endorsed by the Ohio Education Association – incumbent Connie Ramser and Mark Meuser – won the two active teacher seats. About 15 percent of the 302,000 eligible voters cast ballots.

Last year, two OFT members backed by Protect Our Pensions and a retired superintendent who blew the whistle on spending abuses at STRS in 2003 won the three open seats. The vote totals suggest that a high percentage of OFT members voted and supported our endorsed candidates again this year. But, OEA clearly worked harder to rally its members and turn out a larger vote than they did in 2005.

University of Cincinnati professor

John Brackett and Cleveland teacher Mark Fredrick expressed appreciation for all of the head work by OFT leaders and members. “We believe we ran an excellent campaign and raised issues that needed to be raised,” said Fredrick. “We will continue to be active in advocating for sound policies at STRS, including a dedicated revenue source to preserve retiree health care for the long run.”

Brackett and Fredrick also thanked other critical supporters, including the unaffiliated Akron Education Association, Concerned Ohio Retired Educators (CORE), which backed Fredrick as well as Miami University professor Tom Hall, the Ohio Conference American Association of University Professors, which endorsed Brackett, the Columbus Education Association, which endorsed Brackett as well as Ramser, and also listed Fredrick as an acceptable candidate. All of these organizations distributed literature for their endorsed candidates. The independent South Euclid-Lyndhurst Teachers Association also



distributed Brackett/Fredrick campaign lit.

Saturday's results notwithstanding, campaign efforts by OFT, other organizations in the Protect Our Pensions Ohio coalition and CORE have led to a much more balanced board in terms of organizational representation. As of September 2006, the six teacher seats on the Board will be held by two OFT members, three OEA members and two superintendents backed by CORE.

Results of recent elections leave the Board with no ethnic diversity. Protect Our Pensions and OFT backed the only African-American candidates in the past two elections, but neither was successful. OFT President Tom Mooney believes that “All organizations involved with STRS need to own this lack of diversity in the next election and make sure that it is addressed.”

One hour...One Day...Once a Week
S.P.A.R.K. one life!



Become a mentor today.

For more information on how to become a mentor or recommend a student (4-14 years old) for the program, please contact 475-4193 or info@cycyouth.org

- S.P.A.R.K. (Strengthening Partnerships And Resources for Kids) is a mentoring program for children of incarcerated parents (federal or state prison).
- These young people are seven times more likely to become involved in the juvenile or rehabilitation system.
- Change the outcome and become a mentor today!



S.P.A.R.K. is a partnership of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati and Talbert House.

Patricia Murphy

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Patricia Murphy on April 25, 2006.

Pat will be remembered as a caring, devoted teacher and mentor. Most recently she taught special education at Roselawn-Condon School. Immediately prior to that she worked as a Consulting Teacher/Teacher Evaluator. She also served as America's Choice Facilitator at Chase Elementary.

Pat's love of teaching and acceptance of all students, particularly those with special needs, radiated throughout her career. She touched many lives and made many friends. Colleagues, friends, and former students maintained close contact and many visited her throughout her illness.

Pat loved animals and welcomed many stray dogs into her home. She was as accomplished potter and an avid recycler.

Pat leaves behind a large, diverse circle of friends. She will be truly missed.

Donations may be made in Pat's memory to Crayons to Computers, the animal shelter of your choice, or a school

FOR SALE



Award Classic 30' Travel trailer 1995. Easy to tow. Aluminum sidewall framing, galvanized undercarriage, oak interior, wood/carpet floors, ducted heat & AC, electric/gas water heater, aluminum wheels, skylite w/shade, microwave, 3 burner stove w/oven, day/night shades, queen bed, 19' awning, new tires. Also including equalizer hitch with sway control & head for tow vehicle plus many extras. \$14,000 OBO. ALSO....2001 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat, 5.4 engine, tow package, white over silver w/all options available, fiberglass bed lid, running boards, excellent condition, always garaged, non smoker, no pets, 71k miles. \$14,000 OBO. 937-436-9140

Classifieds



FOR RENT

Large 1 BR on quiet street—Well cared for—Walk to Rookwood Commons/Pavilion—Immediate Occupancy—Call 231-0296



HOUSE FOR SALE

Pleasant Ridge 2 BR home. Beautiful hardwood floors. Fenced Yard, Screened porch, garage, cul-de-sac. Lots of recent updates. Great Starter Home or for Empty Nesters.
\$124,900—Call Mary Winn Godar
513-703-4539



Lake Front Condo for Rent



Three bedroom Condo on beautiful Norris Lake in the heart of the Tennessee Smoky Mountains. Just steps to the swim platform and boat dock. Three decks overlooking the mountains and lake....sleeps 8 with many amenities. A boating paradise with special rates for CFT members.

For more information call Tom at 271-7836



FOR SALE

2 Miami University fee Certificates valid for Summer, 2006—Spring 2007
Contact Judy at 513-363-2327

FOR SALE

Apartment size refrigerator 24"x 57"
4 burner gas stove 24" wide
\$50 each Contact Mary at 871-6429



Teacher/Librarian Garage Sale

"Teacher" books, Computer Carts, Shelves, games, files, misc.
Sat, June 3, 8:00—1:00
9027 Winthrop Dr,
45249



FOR SALE



AKC Registered Boxer Puppies— 4 Females
3 Males—Parents on Premises—First Shots and Wormed—All puppies are fawn colored & gorgeous—Great family dogs- Ready first week in June
\$600 ea.
Call 922-5539 before 9:00 p.m.



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1998 Keystone Sprinter — 28 ft. 5th wheel—Hi-profile, one owner, non-smoking, slide, AC, furnace, Queen bed, hide-a-bed couch & nice kitchen.
\$11,500—Call (937) 747-3572



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