



AFT Pennsylvania

A Union of Professionals

Dear [President's Name],

For too long we, as an organization, have talked about raising significant political funds to advocate effectively on behalf of our members. We can't accomplish this goal without local leaders getting involved and explaining to members why it is crucial that they contribute to the **Committee to Support Public Education NOW**.

The governor, legislators and local officials are working methodically to:

- Cut our pensions
- Slash funding to our schools, community colleges, universities and programs
- Strip us of our rights and
- Stonewall at the bargaining table.

The only question is whether they will succeed. And that is up to you.

Some of you have asked members to Fight Back by joining the Committee to Support Public Education. But too few members have signed up to help. If we don't build a political fund to advocate for our members now, we may not have another chance.

I need you and your officers to join CSPE by making recurring monthly contributions. Then I need you to approach every member individually between May 1-17 and urge them to make recurring contributions, too, using a secure web link at www.aftpa.org/contribute.

I am not asking you to make a donation or gift. This is an investment in your job and your future.

Between May 1 and May 17, please ask each member to join CSPE. Use the attached membership spreadsheet to record your contact with each member (and update the information as necessary) and return it to me on May 17. I have also attached:

- A flyer you can hand to members
- A sheet explaining CSPE (for you)
- An FAQ to share
- Dos and Don'ts of asking for contributions (for you)

Jay Andrews, AFTPA political organizer, is available to talk to your executive board and members, answer your questions and provide any help you need. He will call soon to follow up.

In Bethel Park, you have an opportunity to elect BPFT-friendly school directors to the School Board on May 21. We can't afford to let this opportunity slip through our fingers. But we can't win without voluntary political contributions from your members. (this is only for bpft's letter)

I am confident that you understand the urgency of this appeal and that you will encourage every member to join CSPE during this campaign.

In Unity,

Ted Kirsch, President
Enclosures

