



IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT YOUR UNION



As Education Secretary Betsy DeVos continues to deny you and your coworkers basic workplace rights and protections, AFGE is taking steps that will put us in a better position to fight back.

Better representation

AFGE has chartered a new nationwide local, **AFGE National Local 252**, to serve all Department of Education employees across the country. By streamlining under a single nationwide local, AFGE will be able to provide all members of the bargaining unit with better representation across the board. This is the same strategy we have used to great success at other smaller agencies, including FEMA, the General Services Administration, and the Small Business Administration.

This action will have no effect on the FLSA overtime case that was settled in September 2018. All funds awarded as a result of the case are in an escrow account and will be distributed soon to current and past employees by a third-party administrator.

Our litigation against the Department of Education for failing to bargain in good faith also continues. Investigators with the Federal Labor Relations Authority have approved six complaints we filed against the department for unfair labor practices, although those actions remain unenforceable because the FLRA still lacks a Senate-confirmed general counsel.

New officer elections

Elections will be held later this year for new officers. In the meantime, your current officers are:

Acting President: Sheria Smith
Acting Vice President: Genevie Gallegos
Acting Secretary-Treasurer: Danette Ng

Acting Eastern Regional VP: Diane Riddick
Acting Western Regional VP: Samire Elhouty

Anyone interested in serving as a steward or representative in your office is encouraged to email afgedoed@afge.org.

Member dues

Member dues have been set by law at \$17 per pay period, which equals what most members paid under the former council structure.

Questions?

If you have any additional questions, please email afgedoed@afge.org. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please send us your name and personal email address.