

Welcome Back

Welcome Back to another wonderful school year! Hopefully, this school year will continue to be a happy and healthy one!

The district crisis team continues to monitor the COVID infection rate. As a reminder staff and students can continue to wear masks ,this is a voluntary option .

DFT681 members enjoyed a 4.6%increase in their salary base, due to contract language and the public school support of Gov. Whitmer.

The November election is critical to keep our public school system moving in the right direction.

Please make sure you vote on November 8th, this is a district Professional Development day so all staff will have Professional Development from 8-3, with an hour lunch break and two 10 minutes breaks.

Donation of Sick/Personal Business Days

If you leave the DPS system you are able to donate any unused sick or PB days to the Union Catastrophic Sick Leave Bank (CSLB) . This bank is for members who are facing a catastrophic illness or injury. To donate your days when either retiring or resigning please email Human Resources, Maysam Allie- Bazzi and state that you wish to donate your remaining sick bank to the CSLB.

Teacher Led Conference

On December 10th, 2022, in partnership with the University of Michigan-Dearborn, the DFT is hosting an educator-led conference: a gathering for Dearborn educators led by Dearborn educators. This [survey](#) will provide critical information to help us coordinate a conference that maximizes your time as attendees and as presenters.



Presenters will be partnered with UM-D pre-service teachers who will earn practicum credits while supporting the development of sessions. Presenters will also be provided a stipend of \$50 per presentation hour.

Attendees will receive SCECHs.

Results of this survey will be viewed by the union e-board and the conference coordinating team made up of UM-D professors and Dearborn educators.

AFT-MI and AFT National

AFT-MI is sponsoring a 6 week workshop on Social Justice. The workshops are by Zoom and start October 6th and continue for 6 weeks (each Monday).

I attended this workshop last school year and found it to be an excellent resource ! I highly recommend it!

Please go to [AFT.MI](https://aft.mi) for additional details.

AFT- National : Student Loan Forgiveness Plans please go to the following website:

aft.org/benefits/summer

Community Outreach

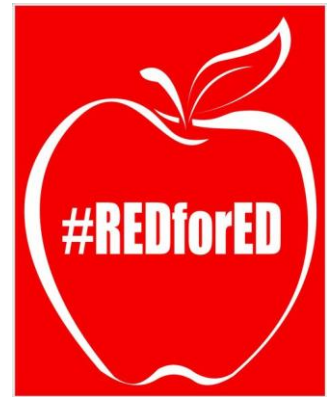
On Saturday September 10th DFT681 passed out books to children at the Dearborn/Detroit Block party. We passed out over 300 books from both Elementary to Secondary reading levels.

Dearborn Mayor Hammoud And State Senator Santana complimented the DFT681 for their community involvement and the dedication of teachers working through difficult times!



RED for Ed

Please remember to wear Red on Mondays, as a show of solidarity to the Union.
Please check your emails for the "Red for ED" t-shirt order form if you would like to order a Red for ED t-shirt.



Tailgate

DFT-681 Red4Ed Tailgate

YOUR DFT CONTRACT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO COME HANG OUT WITH YOUR
FELLOW TEACHERS

October 10th, 5-7pm at Ten Eyck Park*

Light refreshments provided, bring more if you want!

Bring your family, too!

*weather permitting - keep an eye on emails from Jane

AFTER THE TAILGATE, WE'LL BE ATTENDING
THE BOARD MEETING

WEAR YOUR RED SHIRT TO SHOW
SOLIDARITY!

Questions? Contact sicheneder.joseph@gmail.com



Contract Committee

We're the members of the DFT Contract Campaign Committee. We are DFT members who plan and organize events to boost member morale, improve the image of Dearborn Teachers in the public eye and support our union negotiation team as they work on our next contract. We will have lots of fun, exciting and important information to share with you this year. Have a great year!

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