

Federation Voice

MONROE FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
& SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

LFT, AFT, AFL-CIO

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President's Message...



WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO DO?

This school year has been anything but smooth. However, I would like to take this time to **THANK ALL** those who were sick and those who are still sick. Sick of the ill treatment and sick of having to fight for what rightly belongs to you. Yes, children are and always will be our top priority; however the lack of respect and the dishonesty is enough to make anyone ill. The moral across the district is extremely low and this alone takes away from our over-all performance.

The **MFP money** belongs to All certified personnel and because of the excess, **3.7 million**, was promised to All support personnel. **DO NOT ALLOW** them (The Administration) to pit us against each other. All of our jobs are important and deserving of equal and fair treatment. Without bus drivers, secretaries, cafeteria workers, custodial workers, para's, tutors, or aids, teachers cannot teach and administrators cannot administer. It's all about the children or it should be all about the children.

The State Audit Report (www.LL.LA.GOV) cited the MCSB with seven major concerns from no strategic plans to payroll and Visa Card accountability.

We now have a new school board president, Brenda Shelling and I pray that she is going to be about the children, fairness and accountability for ALL. We must all stay together. We are our brothers' keeper. And, were there is **No Struggle, There Is No Progress**. So, what are you willing to do? What part are you willing to play to right these unfortunate wrongs. Please replace **FEAR** with **FAITH** and know that **He** helps those who help themselves.

Sandie

*We Need
You!*



**VERY IMPORTANT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10,
2009**

4:00 Workshop

5:30 Personnel Meeting

6:00 School Board Meeting

**WEAR
SOMETHING
BLUE!!**

(A MUST ATTEND MEETING!)

**Contact Your Board Members and
Ask Them For \$2400 For Everyone?**

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Wear Blue To Work For America's Future

On Feb. 10, AFT members around the country will be wearing blue to work to support the union's effort to pass the national economic recovery plan currently being considered in Congress. The effort is part of the AFT's "[Fight for America's Future: It's Dollars and Sense](#)" campaign.

The Feb. 10 event is a way to send a clear message: that strengthening education, healthcare and public services is crucial in order to restore and preserve opportunity in this country. Our schools and colleges, our healthcare and public safety systems, and essential services are facing draconian cuts due to the economic crisis. The AFT strongly supports efforts like the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan and is actively challenging proposed cuts to vital services.

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- A child is 5 only once; she doesn't get a second chance at her education.
- When a patient needs healthcare, he can't wait for a better economic climate.
- Government services are necessities the public requires now—from clean water to the highways that keep our economy moving.

On Feb. 10, wear blue to work. Let's send a clear message: that strengthening education, healthcare and public services is crucial in order to restore and preserve opportunity in this country. Join the fight for America's future! Go to www.aft.org/fight4america. Send a picture of you and your colleagues wearing blue on Feb. 10 to aftphotos@gmail.com and it will be posted on the Fight for America's Future Web site.

The Federation is Giving
Blue Tee Shirts Away
At the School Board Meeting!
First Come First Served!



Remember
February Is
Black History
Month



**Join The Organization
Working For YOU!!!!**



Payroll Deduction Authorization

I hereby authorize the Monroe City School Board to deduct in equal installments, from each of my paychecks, current dues for the local chapter of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers. I understand that dues are set by the constitution and by-laws of the Monroe Federation of Teachers/School Employees (Local 4326).

This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked by me through proper written notice to the Monroe School Board Human Resources and the MFT/SE Local 4326. Dues: Teachers \$36.70 School Employees \$17.00

Name _____	School or Worksite _____
Address _____	Position: <u>Teacher</u> or <u>School</u> <u>Employee</u> (Circle One and List Title) _____
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