# Federation Voice

FEDERATION OF TEACHERS MONROE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

LFT, AFT, AFL-CIO **NOVEMBER 2008** 

## **President's Message...**



### WHY?

Why? Are Monroe City Schools so very different .......

Why? Do rules change from school to school

Why? Is it so difficult to get truthful answers from the Central Office

Why? Are telephone calls and messages unanswered

Why? Is it that many employees do not know how much they earn

Why? Are our coaches underpaid

Why? Do many teachers and school employees feel so unappreciated by the administration

Why? Do we operate so differently than Ouachita Parish

Why? Does it seem that some of our school board members care only about themselves

Why? Are many school employees terrified to speak out about the unfairness

Why? Do WE continue to allow this to go on and on and on.....

### What is the price of your soul?

May you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving,

## Sandie



# **Congratulations To President-Elect Barack Obama!**

14th Check Amount and Disbursement The amounts of the 14th check are as follows: \$ 1.600 -Instructional

\$ 1,030 -11 & 12 Month Support

\$ 770 -9 & 10 Month Support

NOTE: These amounts will be prorated for employees classified as 3, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, 6.5, or 7 hour workers.

Retirement, taxes, and Medicare (if applicable) will be withheld. The bonus check will not be direct deposited. If you usually receive your check or stub by mail, it will be mailed; if you receive it at your school, you will pick it up at the school.

DATE OF DISTRIBUTION WILL BE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

"I oppose using public money for private school vouchers. We need to focus on fixing and improving our public schools, not throwing our hands up and walking away from them."

**Speech At AFT Convention, July 13, 2008** 

A Real American Federation of Teachers and School Employees Sponsor!

#### Tell Congress to pass the Social Security Fairness Act

Web Page: la.aft.org/mftse



#### Support the Social Security Fairness Act!

Ask your Senators and your Representative to repeal two unjust Social Security provisions that harm thousands of Louisiana teachers, school employees and state workers!

A new Congress was inaugurated in 2006, and our friends in the Senate and House of Representatives quickly reintroduced the Social Security Fairness Act. The act would repeal two unfair pension offsets that reduce earned Social Security benefits for Louisiana teachers, school employees and state workers, and other public servants in more than a dozen states.



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#### 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		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone (318)	F-Mail	

School or Worksite				
Position:	Teacher	or	School	
Employee(Circle One and List Title)				
Signature				
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Date

#### Monroe Federation of Teachers & School Employees

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