

April 27, 2010

Dear Chapter President/Officer:

We have a full agenda for our Paraprofessional Council's meeting scheduled for **Saturday, May 22** at the **Union hall, at 760 Capitol Avenue in Hartford, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.** This meeting is your Chapter's opportunity to have a voice in picking our leaders for the next two years. Our Council has the potential to be an even stronger force for paras in our schools, with our Boards of Education, and at the State Capitol in Hartford. Our Union provides us the framework, but **we need a well-organized Council to accomplish our goals, like raising our low wages, lowering the costs of our expensive healthcare, and securing our vulnerable jobs in this tough economy.**

Door prizes, incentives, and lunch and mileage reimbursement of \$0.50 per mile will available for all participants.

All paras in our Union are welcome to attend, but **only elected Delegates from each of the Council's 34 chapters are eligible to vote.** We are electing Council officers and other leadership positions to serve through 2012:

- President;
- Vice-President;
- Treasurer;
- Secretary;
- McCusker Trustee;
- 3 Auditors; and
- 5 Delegates to CSEA Executive Council

According to our by-laws, **each Chapter can elect one Delegate for every 25 of their members who are paras.** The number of each Chapter's delegates was certified by our Union's Executive Council at today's regular monthly meeting, and the list is included with this memo.

You will need to hold a meeting for your Chapter between **Monday, May 3** and **Friday, May 14** to elect your Delegates to the Council so they can vote in this important election. You can call the meeting just for this purpose, or you can conduct other Union business at the same time if you wish.

You can also use the meeting to begin the process of holding Chapter elections for Delegates to the CSEA Convention, one delegate for every 30 dues paying member, which is scheduled for **Friday, September 17, 2010.**

Be sure to notify our Union's Communications Director Matt O'Connor at (800) 894-9479, ext. 129, or by sending e-mail to moconnor@csea760.com to request posting your Chapter's meeting to the website's "Events Calendar" or to have notices sent to your members.

Please Contact CSEA/SEIU Local 2001's Organizing Director Stacey Malitz at our Union at (800) 894-9479, ext. 122, or by sending e-mail to smalitz@csea760.com to RSVP to attend by **Wednesday, May 19** so we can properly prepare lunch. Stacey is also available to answer your questions about Chapter and Council elections. Additional information and the notice we mailed two weeks ago is posted at the "Events Calendar" page for the meeting and elections at our website, www.csea-ct.com.

You can email me at any time on any issues regarding our Paraprofessional Council at billwalk@iname.com.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this important and informative Council meeting!

In solidarity,

Bill Walkauskas
Paraprofessional Council President