

West Suburban Teachers Union, Local 571, IFT, AFT, AFL-CIO

# Union Messenger

*"A Union of Professionals"*

## WSTU October Calendar

10/3—571 Legislative Breakfast (Virtual)  
 10/5—Deadline for Student Debt Clinic (Virtual)  
 10/5—HOR Mtg. (5:30 p.m.—Westmont)  
 10/8—Student Debt Clinic (Virtual)  
 10/15—Deadline for filing IRS forms for Councils that closed their books in May

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## Vote Yes for Fairness

If this pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we need to be prepared to fully fund public education and state services. To do that, we need to bring fairness to our tax system so hospitals, school districts, communities, and vital services are properly funded. This crisis has exposed how inadequate our current tax system is at funding the critical health services we count on to protect us, and it unfairly burdens those on the frontlines.



The chief responsibility of our tax system is to fund public education. Traditionally, only about a quarter of education funding has come from state government in Illinois—the national average is nearly double that. This then forces local governments to shoulder more of the funding burden and leads to higher property taxes for Illinois families because property taxes are the main mechanism for local governments to fund education.

Under the previous administration's budget cuts, a number of mental health treatment facilities and domestic violence shelters were forced to shut their doors. Healthcare providers struggled to serve patients. 40,000 of low-income children could not receive the affordable care they needed. And, 7,500 higher education jobs were lost.

**= VOTE YES =**  
**FOR FAIRNESS**

to raise

**\$3**  
**BILLION**  
**per year**

TO HELP FUND  
**PUBLIC EDUCATION**



## Retirees Council

### New Member Luncheon

Tuesday 9/22/2020\*

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**\*Luncheon has been changed to a virtual/remote platform.**

Current members and new members, please contact Patty Clancy to RSVP by phone at 630-468-4083 or by email at [pclancy@ift-aft.org](mailto:pclancy@ift-aft.org)

- *Please note: Once your RSVP has been received, you will be sent a link via email in order to attend the meeting. The link will be sent on 9/21.*
- *If you submitted payment to the local, your money will be returned.*

## KNOW THE FACTS

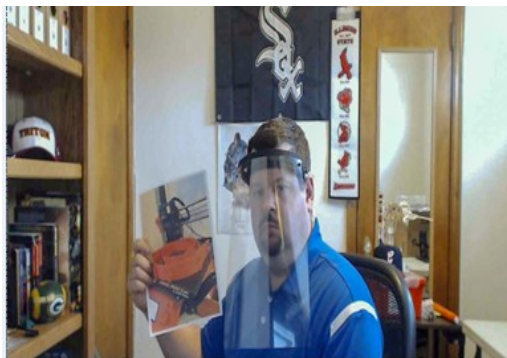


a **FAIR TAX** won't touch  
**RETIREMENT**  
= INCOME =

## Member Engagement

**Mark Stoch** is a 2nd generation union member. He is a teacher at Morton West H.S. and chairs the Local 571 Next Generation Committee. Mark makes us proud to be part of the education profession. In his own words, he describes his "summer project."

I taught a summer school version of the introductory class in my Project Lead the Way: Engineering curriculum that was all remote. I worked out some of the kinks in the summer school class for the upcoming fall classes. Basically, I brought lots of my engineering lab supplies and equipment home to my garage. I would assemble zip lock bags of "building" supplies--one for each student--and then have the kits available for pickup when kids would pick up their lunches, which as you know continued throughout the summer. Of course, there were more than a few kids who claimed they could not find the location of the kits, so I did several home no-contact deliveries. I really got to see where the students live--the different towns that feed into District 201, which is more than Cicero and Berwyn. This was a real educational experience for me.



#MortonPride #DesignStuff #MakeStuff  
#StayHome #OPShieldsUp

Also I scoured the internet for an alternative to the RAM heavy 3D modeling software --Autodesk Inventor-- which is standard issue on the desktops in face-to-face instruction, but is too powerful for the 1:1 laptops the students are issued. We are limping along with a potential replacement.

During the Stay-at-Home emergency time I convinced my principal to let me and my teaching assistant take home and set up the 3D printers and small laser cutters. Together, we 3D printed over 200 face shields that I donated to MacNeil, West Suburban, and Loretto Hospitals, where students had a family member working and some face shields went to the Berwyn municipal workers. The district paid for the materials, but we put in the hours. It was a creative but time-consuming project.

This fall, I'm working with the Special Education department at Morton West to try printing a modified mask shield that could be used by therapy staff, like speech pathologists, so they have appropriate PPE to work with the most involved students. It is a work in progress.

I have been busy.

Mark

**You are invited to attend the  
West Suburban Teachers  
Union Local 571  
Fifteenth Annual  
Legislative Breakfast**



**DATE:** Saturday, October 3, 2020

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Virtual. A link will be provided upon Registration

**PROGRAM:**

- BYOB. Bring your own breakfast!
- 10 Local candidates from both Cook and DuPage Counties. All women!
- There will be a virtual raffle for everyone that is in attendance!
- Send in your question to ask a candidate their views on current education issues and be entered in a gift card raffle.

**If you wish to attend or have a question for the candidates, notify Patty Clancy by Monday 9/28/20 to register for the event at [pclancy@ift-aft.org](mailto:pclancy@ift-aft.org) or call 630-468-4083.**

# IFT-Endorsed Candidates

## U.S. PRESIDENT

Joe Biden (D)



## ILLINOIS SENATE

- |                          |                         |                              |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Antonio Munoz (D)      | 19 Michael Hastings (D) | 40 Patrick Joyce (D)         |
| 4 Kimberly Lightford (D) | 22 Cristina Castro (D)  | 43 John Connor (D)           |
| 10 Robert Martwick (D)   | 25 Karina Villa (D)     | 46 Dave Koehler (D)          |
| 11 Celina Villanueva (D) | 28 Laura Murphy (D)     | 49 Meg Loughran Cappel (D)** |
| 13 Robert Peters (D)     | 31 Melinda Bush (D)     | 52 Scott Bennett (D)         |
| 16 Jacqui Collins (D)    | 34 Steve Stadelman (D)  | 58 Terri Bryant (R)          |

## ILLINOIS HOUSE

- |                                 |                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Aaron Ortiz (D)**             | 37 Michelle Fadeley (D)         | 76 Lance Yednock (D)*        |
| 2 Theresa Mah (D)               | 38 Debbie Meyers-Martin (D)     | 77 Kathleen Willis (D)       |
| 4 Delia Ramirez (D)             | 39 Will Guzzardi (D)            | 78 Camille Lilly (D)         |
| 5 Lamont Robinson (D)           | 40 Jaime Andrade (D)            | 79 Charlene Eads (D)*        |
| 6 Sonya Harper (D)              | 41 Janet Yang Rohr (D)          | 80 Anthony DeLuca (D)        |
| 7 Chris Welch (D)               | 42 Ken Mejia-Beal (D)           | 81 Anne Stava-Murray (D)     |
| 8 La Shawn Ford (D)             | 43 Anna Moeller (D)             | 83 Barbara Hernandez (D)     |
| 9 Lakesia Collins (D)*          | 44 Fred Crespo (D)              | 84 Stephanie Kifowit (D)     |
| 10 Omar Williams (D)*           | 45 Diane Pappas (D)             | 85 Dagmara "Dee" Avelar (D)* |
| 11 Ann Williams (D)             | 46 Deb Conroy (D)               | 86 Larry Walsh Jr (D)*       |
| 12 Margaret Croke (D)           | 47 Jennifer Zordani (D)         | 88 Karla Bailey-Smith (D)    |
| 12 Greg Harris (D)              | 48 Terra Costa Howard (D)       | 90 Seth Wiggins (D)          |
| 14 Kelly Cassidy (D)            | 49 Maura Hirschauer (D)         | 91 Mark Luft (R)             |
| 15 John D'Amico (D)*            | 51 Mary Edly-Allen (D)**        | 92 Jehan Gordon-Booth (D)    |
| 16 Denyse Wang Stoneback (D)    | 53 Mark Walker (D)              | 93 Scott Stoll (D)           |
| 17 Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (D) | 54 Maggie Trevor (D)            | 94 Angel Smith (D)*          |
| 18 Robyn Gabel (D)              | 55 Marty Moylan (D)*            | 95 Chase Wilhelm (D)*        |
| 19 Lindsey LaPointe (D)         | 56 Michelle Mussman (D)         | 96 Sue Scherer (D)           |
| 20 Michelle Darbro (D)*         | 57 Jonathan Carroll (D)         | 97 Harry Benton (D)*         |
| 21 Edgar Gonzalez (D)*          | 58 Bob Morgan (D)               | 98 Natalie Manley (D)        |
| 22 Michael Madigan (D)          | 59 Daniel Didech (D)            | 103 Carol Ammons (D)         |
| 23 Mike Zalewski (D)            | 60 Rita Mayfield (D)            | 104 Mike Marron (R)          |
| 24 Lisa Hernandez (D)           | 61 Joyce Mason (D)              | 105 Chamberly Cummings (D)   |
| 26 Kam Buckner (D)              | 62 Sam Yingling (D)             | 107 David Seiler (D)**       |
| 27 Justin Slaughter (D)         | 63 Brian Sager (D)              | 108 Kacie Weicherding (D)    |
| 28 Bob Rita (D)                 | 64 Leslie Armstrong-McLeod (D)* | 109 John spencer (D)         |
| 29 Thaddeus Jones (D)           | 65 Martha Paschke (D)           | 111 Monica Bristow (D)       |
| 30 Will Davis (D)               | 66 Suzanne Ness (D)             | 112 Katie Stuart (D)         |
| 31 Mary Flowers (D)             | 67 Maurice West II (D)          | 113 Jay Hoffman (D)*         |
| 32 Andre Thapedi (D)            | 68 Dave Vella (D)               | 114 LaToya Greenwood (D)     |
| 33 Marcus Evans (D)             | 70 Paul Stoddard (D)**          | 116 Nathan Reitz (D)         |
| 34 Nick Smith (D)               | 71 Tony McCombie (R)            | 117 Dave Severin (R)         |
| 35 Frances Hurley (D)           | 72 Mike Halpin (D)              |                              |
| 36 Kelly Burke (D)              | 74 Christopher DeMink (D)*      |                              |

## ILLINOIS JUDICIAL

- 1st Supreme - P. Scott Neville (D)  
1st Appellate - Michael Hyman (D)  
1st Appellate - Sharon Johnson (D)  
3rd Supreme - Tom Kilbride (retain)  
5th Supreme - Judy Cates (D)  
5th Appellate - Sarah Smith (D)

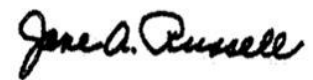
## Vote Yes for Fairness *(cont'd from page 1)*

The crisis also underscores racial inequities that already plague our communities. Frontline workers who cannot work remotely are at increased risk of exposure. Seniors and people with underlying health conditions face a greater threat of severe illness. Lower income individuals and families are less able to withstand the loss of jobs and income. And people of color are disproportionately represented in all these groups.

By passing the Fair Tax amendment on the November 3 general election ballot, it will be possible to raise \$3 billion dollars per year to help fund education and other vital services. At the same time, by voting yes for the Fair Tax, 97% of Illinoisans who need protection and support not only during a pandemic, but in the future, will not pay more in taxes. The recovery from the pandemic may be long and trying, but it starts by ensuring our tax system is fair for working and middle-class families.

**Vote Yes for the Fair Tax.**

In unity,



Local 571 President



## Student Debt Clinic VIRTUAL (REMOTE) MEETING (For Union Members Only)

*“Do you have student loan debt? You are not alone. More than 44 million people in the U.S. are carrying debt from student loans, and nearly 1 out of every 4 loan borrowers is in default or behind on a loan payment. Come to the clinic and learn about free and underused programs that can help you lower your monthly payments and get on the path toward eliminating your student debt.”*

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 8, 2020

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Virtual (Remote)

**R.S.V.P.:** If you wish to participate, contact Patty Clancy by phone at 630-468-4083 or e-mail at [pclancy@ift-aft.org](mailto:pclancy@ift-aft.org) by October 5, 2020

**IMPORTANT:** An email will be sent with a link to join the meeting



## 2020-21 National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy Now Available

**Apply by October 11**

Educators and counselors who wish to begin pursuing National Board certification in the 2020-21 school year may apply now for the \$1,900 National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy. **Applications are due by Oct. 11.**

National Board certification is considered the gold standard in teaching certification. Those who have undergone the process frequently say that it was the best professional development experience of their career.

The certification is provided through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), a not-for-profit professional organization created and governed by practicing teachers and their advocates. National Board candidates can receive free support from the National Board Resource Center (NBRC) at Illinois State University.

Visit: <https://nbrc.illinoisstate.edu/firsttime/index.php>

Email: [nbrc@illinoisstate.edu](mailto:nbrc@illinoisstate.edu) or call the NBRC at 309-438-1835



Pick up your yard sign(s) at the Local 571 office in Westmont. Please call (630-468-4083 or e-mail Patty Clancy ([pclancy@ift-aft.org](mailto:pclancy@ift-aft.org)) to make arrangements for pick-up.

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