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President's Message...



This school year is about to come to an end, and yes you've made it. I know this has been a difficult year for many of us, but the children are what keeps us coming back and why we answered the calling to teach.

The legislature has just convened and there are many issues that will affect public education. The cuts to public education that have been proposed by Governor Jindal will impact every school district in the state. The rural districts, like Richland Parish, will be hit the hardest since they have limited local revenues. We need to get involved with our legislators and let them know that we need to properly fund public education.

If you want to be informed and involved please join LFT's Action Center. They will contact you about a bill that will affect education, and let you respond to legislators with a click of the mouse.

I hope you have a great and relaxing summer,

Launa



Get Active!
Just go to <http://la.aft.org>
and click on
"Sign up with LFT Action Center"

Coalition Speaks Against Education Cuts

(Capitol Steps in Baton Rouge-Monday, April 27, 2009)



A coalition of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, the School Board Association, and the Louisiana Association of Educators, spoke in opposition of Governor Bobby Jindal's proposed budget. Students from LSU, Grambling, Southern, Northwestern, and other universities from across the state paraded a giant shark replica and chanted to the Governor to stop eating up education. Jindal's proposal would cut \$200 million in K-12 schools and \$219 in colleges around the state. The coalition wore black along with educators around the state for "**Black Monday**" in mourning for public education.

Steve Monaghan, President of LFT, stated, "Over the past 6 years the legislature has been giving tax breaks, rebates, and repealing taxes that provide revenues for the state. The effect of their actions is why we are facing deficits in the budget. While this budget attacks public education and health care, the private and parochial schools who receive state funding are not touched. Where is the fairness and equity?"

Local presidents from around the state attended the press conference. After the press conference the coalition listened to Governor Jindal address the legislators.

The coalition will stand together to fight these cuts and is asking for the public to join them at the legislature, or to contact their legislators and say **No Cuts To Education!**

Teacher Appreciation Week 2009: 3rd – 9th May

Teacher Appreciation Week is a week in the academic calendar which is dedicated to all of our teachers around the world. It is a time to say thank you to our teachers for all of their help and show our gratitude for all the time and effort that they have put in our education.



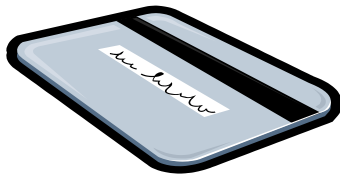
The Federation Appreciates All Teachers & Support Workers!

May 4- 8 as Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week

Napoleon Bonaparte said, "An army moves on its stomach." We can say that in schools children learn on their stomachs because we know that hungry children cannot learn. The people in schools responsible for providing nutritious food for the academic and physical growth of children are the child nutrition workers.

The importance and nutritional value of today's school meals provided by these staff is well documented. In addition to preparing food, their other responsibilities include food safety, nutrition education, catering and managing a financially self-sufficient program.

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I hereby authorize the Richland Parish School Board to deduct in 12 equal installments, from each of my paychecks, current dues for the Richland Federation of Teachers & School Employees.

This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked by me through proper written notice to the Parish School Board Payroll Department and the RFT/SE.

First Name	Middle	Last Name
Address		City State Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	E-Mail
School	Job Title	
Signature	Social Security Number	

Date Teacher: \$30.00 Dues (circle one) School Employee: \$10.50

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