

AFSCME Council 5 Members Secure Economic Relief for Workers

Our Council has waged a campaign to #FundTheFrontLines for months as Congress was debating a COVID-19 relief package that provided critical funding to state and local governments, direct economic relief for workers, and a COVID-19 response plan that will aid in increasing vaccine creation and distribution. After hundreds of members signed petitions, wrote and called their Members of Congress, sharing their stories, arranging letters to Congress from state and local elected officials, and more, we won! President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan on March 12, 2021. Click here to find more information about this legislation. Thank you for your continued advocacy! Stay alert for additional calls to action.

St. Luke's Home Care Members Ratify TA

Members of Local XXXX have ratified a three-year tentative agreement that includes an increase to PTO of 2 to 8 day annual accrued increases depending on years of service and an increase to their PTO bank with cash-out options. Starting wages over \$15.00 per hour for all workers and a 2-9% wage increase for workers, depending on year of service in year one, 1% increase in year two and 1% in year three.

Congratulations, siblings!



AFSCME Members Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

Many of our AFSCME siblings continue to receive their COVID-19 vaccine! When you are offered a vaccine, please schedule your appointment to receive it. With all Minnesotans being vaccinated, we will be able to build our new future and our new normal. More than 1.3 million front line workers and high-risk Minnesotans have now received their first dose of the vaccine and more than 764,275 have completed their second required dose of the vaccine series. MDH and health officials continue to monitor new strains of the COVID-19 virus.

AFSCME Council 5 Denounces racism and hate crimes against Asian-American community

Our Asian-American members and neighbors in Minnesota and across the country have experienced heightened hate crimes and harassment. We vehemently denounce racism, division, hate and violence.

Our thoughts go out to the family members and the community members of those lost in the tragic racially-motivated shooting in Atlanta, Georgia on March 16.

To our Asian American members and all of those who have experienced hate, racism, and discrimination: We stand with you and your union family has your back as we build a more inclusive and diverse world that will uplift all of our communities and bring us together.

Our union is built on the power and strength that comes from our diverse membership.



We honor all public employees' contributions to our state!

Protecting Pensions Campaign

Politicians often politicize our pensions by trying to divert and micromanage our pension funds or take away our defined-benefit pension and move to a 401(k) plan. AFSCME Council 5's position is clear: Do not touch our pensions. We will not tolerate any micromanagement of our pension funds.

If you are interested in participating in this campaign, please email Council 5 Public Affairs and Political Action Director Max Hall at Max.Hall@afscmemn.org, who will work with you to record a short video and put a face to our pensions.

Resources for Members

Stay up-to-date on all the latest news by following @afscmemn5 on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Get guidance and resources at afscmemn.org under the COVID-19 tab.

Look for action alerts via email and texts so you know when to take action to protect working families. We are all in this together, siblings.

Be well and stay safe.