

ACTION ALERT!

Wear your AFSCME green and join Local 1307 for an informational picket TOMORROW at Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) from 2-6 p.m.

AMRTC staff from AFSCME, the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA), and the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE), are joining together to demand a safe workplace. The recent violent attack against a nurse shows the hospital is not doing enough make sure staff are safe at work. We are standing together with MAPE and MNA to highlight the immediate need for security – before others are hurt.

Get details, RSVP and invite your network on Facebook:

**[www.facebook.com/
events/685548158534463](https://www.facebook.com/events/685548158534463)**

Legislative Session Wraps Up

This year's State Legislative session - including a one-day special session - concluded in the wee hours of Saturday, May 25. Through the hard work of AFSCME members, labor siblings, and activists across the state, we secured some major wins for working families:

- Made wage theft a felony in MN
- Protected the provider tax
- Expanded the Working Families Tax Credit
- Funded 78 new corrections officer positions
- Invested \$30 million per year in Local Government Aid (LGA) and County Program Aid (CPA)
- Boosted MFIP for the first time in 33 years, supporting working families across the state
- Funded 4,000 more spots for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs across the state
- Held pharmaceutical companies accountable for the opioid crisis by charging them a fee that will be used for addiction prevention, intervention and treatment
- Fought off cuts to public schools
- Avoided a government shutdown

But we have a lot of work left to do to pass Paid Family and Medical Leave, defend the 40 hour work week, hiring enough staff to deliver the public services Minnesotans deserve, and fund critical transportation projects in the years to come. **The fight isn't over - we're just getting started.**



Locals Gain New Members

In Hennepin County, Local 2864 successfully accreted Equipment Management Specialists and Planning Analyst Seniors into their bargaining unit.

18 workers joined Local 3279, the Minneapolis Park Board Professional Unit, when Child Care Workers accreted into the bargaining unit.

At Hennepin Healthcare, Local 2474 gained 10 new members when MRI Technologists joined through accretion.

AFSCME Family Picnic: Donations Needed Now

The annual AFSCME Family Picnic is put on by rank and file union members who volunteer their time and resources. Event planners are already hard at work and are hoping to get a head start on fundraising. This popular event relies on generous contributions from local unions and individuals.

To help make the 2019 picnic possible, organizers are seeking cash donations to purchase food, beverages and water park tickets for the first 100 kids.

The AFSCME Family Picnic will take place on Sunday, Aug. 18 from 1-5 p.m. at Battle Creek Regional Park in Maplewood. All are welcome.

To make a donation or sign up to volunteer, contact Duane Gatzke at 651-472-2787 or by email at kkirk77@comcast.net.

AFSCME Family Picnic Donations can also be mailed directly to:

AFSCME Family Picnic/Duane Gatzke;
 1025 E. Rose Ave., St. Paul, MN 55106

Want to get your local union involved? Bring a picnic flier to your next local membership meeting to propose making a donation.

Download the official flier at bit.ly/2PDmGW6, or just bring along this copy of Action Update!

RSVP and invite friends, family and coworkers to the picnic on Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/2367323926665029

Get in on the Action

Action Update comes out every two weeks for locals and activists. Download a copy at www.afscmemn.org. Email communications@afscmemn.org with news and events you'd like shared in our next update.



Mark Your Calendars

Event	Date	Place/details
East Regional Meeting	May 29, 2019; 4-8 PM	AFSCME Council 5, South St. Paul office
West Regional Meeting	May 30, 2019, 4-8 PM	Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation
Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Deadline	June 1, 2019	www.nelliestone.org
Financial Responsibility Training	June 13, 2019	AFSCME Council 5, South St. Paul office
AFSCME Family Picnic	August 18, 2019	Battle Creek Regional Park, Maplewood