



## Local 2335 Announces New Website

The Norfolk County Agricultural High School Federation of Teachers is excited to announce that we have a new Website. The URL address of our website is: <http://ncahsft.ma.aft.org/>. Please add this address to the favorites under your internet browser. Here at Local 2335 we intend to use this new website as a tool to educate and inform our members on issues we believe are of concern to all of us as working people, and as public employees. We also plan to incorporate an electronic newsletter as a complimentary part of our new website, of which this is an example.

- On our [Home page](#) of our site you will find articles on topics which we feel are most important for our members to understand.
- On our [About Us page](#) you will find information about the history and mission of the AFT, links on how to contact the Local 2335 Executive Board and/or your Building Representative should you have a Union concern, problem, or question.
- On our [News page](#) you will find a copy of this Newsletter, as well as a link to the Advocate – the AFT Massachusetts Newsletter, and links to various other AFT publications which may be of interest to you. You may also find articles which have been developed here at Local 2335 or others that have been syndicated from the AFT or AFT Massachusetts. We also hope to share with you videos which deal with timely subjects important to all of us as public employees and working Americans. The videos currently posted on this page are designed to educate you on the origin of the current financial crisis and the unprecedented attacks we're facing as public employees. We are not the problem! Finally there is a video on the Occupy Movement – a social movement for American workers – not unlike the Civil Right Movement of the 1960s. There are also links to the AFT Website, and the AFT Massachusetts Website.
- Under the [Member Benefits page](#) you will find links to benefits and discounts to which you are entitled as a member of the AFT and AFT Massachusetts.
- Finally, on the [Actions and Events page](#) you will find a list of the date/time and location of various scheduled events, such as Union Elections, Union Meetings, fundraisers, and training. You will also find articles on topics which require your action, along with links for you to take action – such as attending an event or contacting your legislator.

## **TAKE ACTION: Oppose Raising the CAP on Charter Schools in Massachusetts**

### **[Keep the CAP on Charter Schools in Massachusetts](#)**

AFT Massachusetts members are urged to click on the link below which will take you to the Action site where you can sign a letter to be sent to your legislator insisting that the cap on charter schools in Massachusetts be kept at the current level. **[Send a letter to your state legislator.](#)**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Website Volunteers Needed

Our new Website was designed and set-up by the Staff at AFT Massachusetts. The responsibility for maintaining this site however will be ours. I've been told that the software is fairly easy to learn and to use. We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers who feel that they possess not only the skills but also the time and patience necessary to keep our site up-to-date.

### Building Representative Training

While having a new Website and distributing a Newsletter will certainly help to improve our internal communications, we are still in need of a network of trained Building Representatives to assist us with the issues that arise in each building from day to day. We would like to hold a Building Representative training session at some time in the near future. This training would be conducted by the Staff at AFT Massachusetts.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact me via e-mail at: [eczyrkliis@gmail.com](mailto:eczyrkliis@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

[Eileen Czyrkliis](#)

President, Local 2335

### Member Information Update

As some of you know we are currently in the process of updating our membership records. Our goal is to create a database of current information on all of our members, but the most critical piece is a functioning non-work E-mail address. If you have not already done so, we ask that you complete this form accurately, and return them to your Building Representative as soon as possible. The information that you provide to us will be used to as input to a new system which will work in conjunction with our new Website, and it will give us the capability to reach out to our membership on critical issues in a timely manner. It will also allow the AFT and AFT Massachusetts to design campaigns which target issues and concerns important to all of us. The information you provide to us will not be sold or distributed outside of the AFT or AFT Massachusetts.

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