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Subject: Trunk or Treat Tomorrow...Weekly Updates Inside

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**REMINDER: The Annual Trunk or Treat happens tomorrow**, Saturday, October 27 from Noon - 2:00 pm at Mayerson Academy Cafeteria. Bring the little ones for fun and safe trick or treating, games, food and live music! No children? We can always use volunteers anytime from 11:00 to 3:00 with set up, help with the event and clean up. Come in and ask for Kelly, Julie, Angel or Brandon.

**Mandatory Open Enrollment -** Open enrollment began on Monday, October 22, 2018 and end on Friday, November 9, 2018. All benefit-eligible employees **MUST complete open enrollment by November 9, 2018**, without exception, please visit the CPS website to review current benefit plan offerings

at: https://sites.google.com/a/cpsboe.k12.oh.us/benefits/home. Many of you have probably received the email notices, however what the emails do not specify is the documentation you will need to submit when enrolling in your health plan. If you are enrolling in an employee plus one or a family plan, you will need to submit copies of:

- marriage certificates
- birth certificates
- adoption papers
- guardianship papers

(instructions have not been issued yet as how to submit this documentation)

If you need a copy of a marriage certificate, and you were married in Hamilton County after 1973, you can search and download a copy here https://www.probatect.org/court-records/court-record-search. Birth Certificates cost \$27 each and have to be ordered here.

**First Quarter Overload** - HR will submit overload claims for Board approval on October 22. Go to MyCPS>Departments, scroll down to Treasurer and click on Superintendent Recommendations to see if your name is listed for overload payment. Payment should be made on Friday, November 16.

**Press Conference on the CONFRONTING THE EDUCATION DEBT** - featuring AFT President Randi Weingarten - On October 29<sup>th</sup> the Journey For Justice (J4J) group is bringing a busload of parents and community members from Chicago to visit two of our public schools to see how a Community Learning Center can look in action. After the school tours the CEJC is hosting a PRESS CONFERENCE to connect the Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools (AROS) "Confronting the Education Debt" report findings to the mid-term elections, as we show examples of what our communities are demanding; support for sustainable Community Learning Center (CLC) schools. We are going to leverage their visit to uplift the issues raised in the report, and to continue our demands for investment in our public schools. This is a really big deal, and we are excited to be able to leverage the fact that she is a national leader to draw attention to the fight for public education funding right here in Cincinnati! Follow the event on Facebook

**CFT/CFOP Student Debt Clinic** – will be held Saturday, November 17, 10:00 am – 11:30 am at Gamble Montessori High School Auditorium. 2700 Felicity Drive, Cincinnati, 45211. RSVP at 513-961-2272 or cft@cft-aft.org. These clinics are open to CFT & CFOP members.

**Free College for CFT/CFOP Members** - and their spouses and children. Yes, it's true - free college. Eastern Gateway Community College in Ohio is a fully accredited, nonprofit public institution that is part of the University System of Ohio. CFT/CFOP members can enroll in the online distance-learning program with no costs for tuition, fees or e-texts. For more information click here.

Early Voting - began October 10, 2018 at the Hamilton County Board of Elections, 4700 Smith Rd., Cinti, OH 45212. Call 513-632-7000 for a schedule.
2018 Membership Endorsed Candidates - are listed on our website at www.cft-aft.org. For a printable version contact the CFT/CFOP Office at 513-961-2272

## AFT Member Benefits

**Prizes Available** -Only 7 more days to win prizes just for registering for free Identity Theft Protection from AFT. <u>Must register by October 31 to be eligible for the</u> <u>prizes.</u> Get more details and register here: <u>https://clcidprotect.net/co/home/aft</u>

## MEMBERS ONLY discounts available through the AFT members only site.

- Dansko Shoes 20% discount
- Southwest Airlines up to an 8% discount
- AFT Advantage discounts as much as 50% on many products

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If already registered for the members-only site go here to log in: https://www.aft.org/members

If NOT registered go here (you will need your member ID and local union number): https://hqwebapp.aft.org/AFTAuthentication/MemberCardLogin.aspx Need your member ID number? Contact the CFT/CFOP Office at 513-961-2272 or email: cft@cft-aft.org.

That's all for this week! As always, if your colleagues are not receiving our weekly updates, please share with them and ask them to contact the CFT/CFOP office to be put on the list!

