

Subject: 27 Days Until Spring...Here are your updates

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It will be here before you know it...Here is a link to a count down!

<https://days.to/until/spring>

Here is what you need to know....

**REMINDER! NEW CFT INITIATIVE!** - CFT is excited to announce the launch of a new initiative to expand CFT's local worksite legislative and political action network. We are seeking one to two "Legislative Liaisons" from each school site to participate in this new political action initiative. The time commitment includes one monthly meeting, and leading various efforts at your site such as voter registration. Legislative Liaisons will earn a monthly stipend. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity and applying, please contact us! We have several members interested – thanks to those who responded! We are extending the deadline to Friday, February 28. Emailing MichelleDillingham, CFT Organizer with your interest to [mdillingham@cft-aft.org](mailto:mdillingham@cft-aft.org).

**CFOP Members Save-the-Date** - *Building on the Best #CFOP2020*

CFOP Office Professionals In-Service.

- **WHEN:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 or Thursday, March 4, 2020
- **TIME:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Per the CFOP CBA "attendance is required unless overriding circumstances exist". (One day per employee)*

**CFT/CFOP Scholarship Applications Now Available** – Apply today, deadline is **April 17, 2020**. [Information](#), [guidelines](#), [forms](#) and links to [Student](#) and [CFOP](#) applications available on our website at [cft-aft.org](http://cft-aft.org). Please read the guidelines and have all documentation ready before applying.

**Salary Calculator** – Certificated staff..are you wondering if your 2020 salary is correct? We have posted a calculator for you to “plug” in some information and verify you are receiving the correct pay. Find it on our [website](#).

**Attention All Golfers** - For nearly 50 years the Schoolmasters Golf League has provided fun outdoor recreation for CPS employees and friends. Join us on Tuesdays in April and May. Tee times are 3:00-4:00. Spring Golf League sponsored by CFT/CFOP starts in April 2020. Contact Joe Wilmers at [wilmers@fuse.net](mailto:wilmers@fuse.net).

**CFT MEMBERSHIP ENDORSES ISSUE 7** - CFT membership endorsed a “YES” vote on ISSUE 7 at our February meeting. ISSUE 7 will be on the March 17<sup>th</sup> ballot of all Hamilton County voters. ISSUE 7 is a countywide effort to replace Cincinnati’s earning tax with a 0.8% sales tax in Hamilton County to reinvest in our transportation system. The funding raised from the sales tax will result in 25% going to infrastructure needs like roads and bridges, and 75% will go to operating the METRO bus system. Many CPS students use METRO, and if this levy fails, it will result in cuts to routes. For more information go to: <https://moveforwardcincy.com/>.

**EVENT: “Speaking Truth to Power: How Schools and Neighborhoods are Being Affected by City Development Policies”** - CFT is a proud partner to the local grassroots group, “The Cincinnati Educational Justice Coalition (CEJC)”. They have been leading community education sessions since 2017 on the impact of local development policies on our schools and neighborhoods. On Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm at the Clifton Recreation Center CFT members are encouraged to attend this event: “Speaking Truth to Power: How Schools and Neighborhoods are Being Affected by City Development Policies – City Wide Call to Action and Resource Fair”

All city residents are invited to come and receive important updates on how recent decisions at City Hall will affect their schools and neighborhoods. The event will include critical voices that are often not considered; public school teachers, students and community leaders. The event will also include a Resource Fair for groups to showcase their causes. Groups/organizations can contact [cincinnatieducationjustice@gmail.com](mailto:cincinnatieducationjustice@gmail.com) by Monday, Feb 24 if they would like to table at the event's Resource Fair. RSVP on Facebook at this link:<https://www.facebook.com/events/654311061977568/>.

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