

WTU update

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership Meeting of the Warwick Teachers' Union was held on October 5, 2016 at Winman Junior High. After reading the secretary's report and the treasurer's report for the General Membership Meeting of May 4, 2016, the membership approved the reports.

President Netcoh began her report with a summary of the status of all grievances and arbitrations. She also provided a status update for negotiations/mediation, interest arbitration, and the various legal proceedings in which the WTU is engaged.

Other topics included the electronic gradebook, walkthroughs, and class size reporting sheets. Additionally, President Netcoh reminded the membership about the important October meetings: the three Elementary School Consolidation Forums, the Special Education Public Meeting at City Hall, and the special school committee meeting on October 25.

President Netcoh also reminded the membership about the importance of getting involved in the election process. During a discussion of members' concerns, the membership made and passed a motion to have a second membership meeting, for the purpose of further discussion, before November 1. That meeting was held on October 24.

WTU COPE COMMITTEE ELECTION REPORT

Voting in the general election on Tuesday, November 8 is highly important. The Warwick Teachers' Union Committee on Political Education conducted interviews of those candidates who responded to our invitation. At the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, the WTU COPE Committee presented their recommendations, and the membership voted to endorse the following candidates. We encourage your family members and friends to support these candidates:

WARWICK CITY COUNCIL WARD 1 RICHARD K. CORLEY

WARD 2 JEREMY RIX

WARD 3 TIMOTHY J. HOWE

WARD 5 EDGAR N. LADOUCEUR

WARD 6 DONNA TRAVIS

WARD 8 JOSEPH GALLUCCI

WARD 9 THE COPE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED STEVE MEROLLA, WHO INTERVIEWED WITH US AFTER OCTOBER 5.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY Warwick Representatives District # - Candidate

- 19 JOSEPH MCNAMARA
- 20 DAVID BENNETT
- 21 CAMILLE
VELLA-WILKINSON
- 22 JOSEPH J. SOLOMON
- 24 EVAN SHANLEY

Warwick Senators District # - Candidate

- 29 MICHAEL MCCAFFREY

VOTER INFORMATION

Information regarding your voting location, ward, General Assembly, House and Senate districts may be obtained by calling your city/town Board of Canvasser/Elections or at <https://sos.ri.gov>.

WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Please remember there is also an election for School Committee. The election for School Committee is non-partisan. This is a citywide election for a term of four (4) years. We have provided you with a summary of the candidates who responded to our invitation.