



Child protection social worker Brenda Louise leads a chant at the Hennepin County Government Center Tuesday. Workers are pushing for improved caseloads and conditions to better help children and their families. Learn more about our child protection social workers and the new challenges they face at [www.afscmemn.org](http://www.afscmemn.org).

## Pushing for Transportation

AFSCME Council 5 joined transportation leaders and city officials from across Minnesota on Tuesday to press for comprehensive, long-term transportation funding. The transportation and bonding bill died in the final moments of the regular session, and lawmakers say there's little hope for a compromise to bring them back for a special session.

The need for more funding is clear: MnDOT has 500 fewer AFSCME designers, inspectors and maintenance workers than a decade ago, and we see the impact in our deteriorating roads and bridges. We'll keep fighting to invest in transportation and transit to ensure our state's economy remains strong and competitive.

## ALF-CIO Endorses Clinton

The AFL-CIO General Board voted to endorse Hillary Clinton for U.S. president. "Hillary Clinton is a proven leader who shares our values," says AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka. "Throughout the campaign, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to the issues that matter to working people." He noted the important voice that Sen. Bernie Sanders brought to the election, saying Sanders "has elevated critical issues and strengthened the foundation of our movement. His impact on American politics cannot be overstated."

Trumka promises an immediate and "sophisticated, targeted ground campaign. And with the dire consequences Donald Trump poses

## Join Striking Nurses

Our sisters and brothers with the Minnesota Nurses Association are holding a seven-day strike against Allina to protest executives taking away nurses' affordable healthcare plans. Allina Health also has refused to bargain on other outstanding issues including staffing and workplace violence. Nurses will be striking at five hospitals: Abbott Northwestern, Mercy, United, Unity and Phillips Eye Institute. The strike runs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through June 25.

Sign up to take a shift on the line at: [www.allinastrike.com](http://www.allinastrike.com). Find information about the strike at <http://mnnurses.org/news/>.

If you can bring food to help the picketing workers, please email [geri.katz@mnnurses.org](mailto:geri.katz@mnnurses.org) or call her at 651-252-5510.

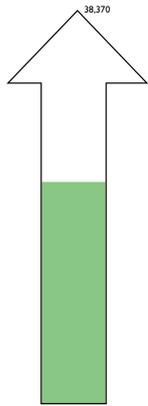
for America's working families, it has to be," he says. AFSCME endorsed Clinton last fall for her commitment to working families.

## Tentative Agreement Reached

Local 1877 (Minnetonka Public Schools) has reached a tentative agreement on a two-year contract that includes raises of 2.5 percent a year; an additional floating holiday for full-time employees; the ability to cash out up to four days of earned vacation each year; a longevity stipend for employees who have worked 20 years or more with the district; and pay increases for employees who complete Continuing Education Units.

## AFSCME Strong Growing Quickly

AFSCME Strong is our program to determine our own destiny by building a stronger union with members who are more engaged. Sign a membership card to protect your job, defend our rights and preserve the quality of services we provide our communities.



The cards are rolling in, and we're more than 60 percent of the way to our goal with about two weeks left. To reach that goal, we need to sign up 18,124 more workers. If each local signs up eight people a day, we're there.

## Don't Panic Over Pensions

AFSCME Council 5 executive director Eliot Seide takes on the stink tank, the Center of the American Experiment, and its continued attack on public pensions in a [recent Star Tribune counterpoint](#). While it's true Minnesotans live longer than people anywhere else in the continental U.S., our pensions remain healthy, and we can keep them that way through modest sustainability measures that workers, retirees and employers share in. "The sky is not falling,"

Seide writes. "There's no reason for taxpayers or public workers to panic. Our union is helping government employers live up to their pension promises without breaking the bank. It can be done in a way that protects both retirees and taxpayers."

## Labor Bowl Results

Thanks to AFSCME Locals 34, 151, 844, 1465, 1842, 2181, 2508 and 2829, who took part in the Labor Bowl, either bowling or giving donations to benefit the Labor Studies and Resource Center.

The group is still collecting donations. Make them out to: Saint Paul Labor Studies and Resource Center, Attn: Laura, 353 W. 7th St., Suite 201, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

## Nominate Labor Achievers

AFSCME Council 5 seeks nominations for its annual achievement awards, which honor outstanding work by members in political activism, organizing, local union development and communications.

The awards include the Rick Scott Political Activism Award; the Jerry Wurf Organizing Award; the Mike Buesing Local Union Development Award; and the Communications Award. Recipients

will be recognized at the annual convention. The deadline is **Aug. 5**. Find details online at [www.afscmemn.org/council-5-achievement-awards](http://www.afscmemn.org/council-5-achievement-awards).

## Golf for Veterans

The Minnesota Correctional Facility in Oak Park Heights is hosting a golfing event, raffle and dinner on **July 15** at Applewood Hills Golf Course in Stillwater. The shotgun start is at 3:30 p.m. Golfing, dinner and a raffle cost \$45, while dinner and the raffle are \$25. All proceeds go to help U.S. veterans. Find the registration form here: <http://tinyurl.com/hx3pc28>.

## March in the Pride Parade

Join Minnesota AFL-CIO working families in the 2016 GLBTQ Pride Parade on **June 26**. Wear AFSCME green and bring your union banners to help celebrate love, freedom and equality. Line up at 11 a.m. in downtown Minneapolis. We're Unit 101 along 3rd Street between 4th and 5th Avenues.

## Get in on the Action

Action Update publishes twice a month for locals and activists in AFSCME Council 5. Share an event by emailing [Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org](mailto:Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org) or download a copy to post on your workplace's bulletin board at [www.afscmemn.org](http://www.afscmemn.org).

### Mark Your Calendars

Event	Date	Place
Labor Movie Night	July 17 at 7 p.m.	United Labor Centre, Minneapolis
AFSCME 42nd Annual International Convention	July 18 to 22	Council 5 will be staying at the Paris Hotel, Las Vegas.
AFSCME Family Picnic	Aug. 21 from 1 to 5 p.m.	Battle Creek Regional Park, Maplewood
AFSCME at the State Fair	Aug. 25 to Sept. 5	State Fairgrounds, Saint Paul
AFL-CIO Central Body Labor Day Picnic	Sept. 5	Bayfront Festival Park, Duluth