



Northwest Suburban Teachers Union

Local 1211



Legislative Director Report: Democratic Legislators

June/July 2015
Bobby Walser

Thursday, June 4

Attended a fundraiser for Senator Tom Cullerton as he begins his run for U.S. Congress.

Friday, June 5

Spoke with Raja Krishnamoorthi who asked for Local 1211's support in his race for U.S. Congress. Discussed his position on several of the issues currently facing Local 1211 and his electability.

Monday, June 22 – Friday, 26

1. Attended Union Leadership Institute.
2. Spoke with AFT members throughout the Great Lakes region including Kim Kohlhas, President of Wisconsin Federation of Teachers.
 - Wisconsin is starting to see an opposition movement towards Scott Walker.
 - Parents are seeing the level of education slip as teachers flee the profession and the state.
 - Property values are plummeting.
 - Business are not reinvesting in the state; some are leaving for Minnesota.
3. Spoke with St. Paul Federation of Teacher/ AFT Executive Vice President Mary Cathryn Ricker regarding the campaign St. Paul teachers put forth to gain a new contract.
4. Spoke with Katy Harrison President of Local 571 Elmhurst and Brad Sweet president of Harlem Federation of Teachers, Rockford about issues facing their respective Locals.

Sunday, June 28

1. Spoke with Senator Michael Noland over the phone regarding his run for 8th District House Seat in the U.S. Congress. He is seeking funding as the quarter ends.
2. He asked for Local 1211 support.

Tuesday, June 30

1. Visited Michelle Mussman's office in Schaumburg to discuss her standing strong on the state budget and fighting for Students, Education, and Teachers.

Saturday, July 4

1. Marched with Fred Crespo in the Hoffman Estates 4th of July parade.
2. Spoke with Representative Crespo and asked for his support of standing strong for kids, education, and teachers throughout the Summer Legislative Session.
3. Spoke with several politicians and community leaders including Representative Mussman, Senator Noland and Senator Tom Cullerton; asking them to support the position of Local 1211 throughout the Summer Legislative Session.
4. I spoke with Raja Kristamorthian candidate for House of Representatives, Laddi Singh, and Matt Flamm of Palatine Democrats, Mike Cudzik, and several members of the Carpenters Union about the state budget and keeping strong for the fight for Students, Education, Schools, and Teachers.

Sunday, July 5

1. Telephone conversation with Representative Anne Moeller asking her to support the position of Local 1211 regarding students, education, teachers; and the disadvantages of the current proposals in Springfield.
2. Moeller agreed to support our position and that she will continue to oppose budget cuts for those that need the state's help the most.

Tuesday, July 7

1. Telephone conversation with Senator Daniel Biss asking him to continue to fight against the governors proposed cuts that would hurt student, schools, and the neediest people in the state of Illinois.
2. He vowed to support the position of Local 1211 and to continue to oppose legislation that would hurt the people of Illinois.

Friday, July 10

1. Attended DuPage Democrats dinner.
2. Discussion of Bruce Rauner tearing the state apart and different candidates.
3. There was a discussion about a stronger more pointed platform for the next election.

Sunday, July 11

1. Spoke with Representative Moeller and thanked her for standing strong with Local 1211 in Springfield.
2. Moeller stated the consensus in Springfield is, "Rauner has united us in purpose and I feel honored to be part of the process in fighting for what's right. I'm glad that Speaker Madigan hasn't cut any deals and pressured us to go along."
3. Spoke about HB 403 (UNIVERSITY TUITION WAIVERS REPEAL - J. FRANKS): Eliminates the 50% tuition waiver earned by University employees; which allows their children to attend a public university in Illinois.
4. Representative Moeller feels the bill will die before it hits the floor.

Tuesday, July 13, 2015

1. Phone conferenced with Andy Bogman of Nancy Rotterring's, former Mayor of Highland Park to schedule her to speak at a Local meeting about the issues facing Students, Education, and Teachers.
3. Setting up meeting to go over what local 1211 would like to see from a member of the House in Springfield.

Saturday, July 25

1. Visited Senator Noland's office in Elgin. T
 - Senator thanked Local 1211 for their support to fill the 8th District Congressional House Seat.
 - The Senator is sponsoring a bill to balance funding of schools. The bill is not getting any support.
2. Visited Representatives Moeller office in Elgin and Crespo's office in Streamwood; left cards.

Sunday, July 26

1. Walked in the Streamwood parade
2. Spoke with Representative Fred Crespo, members of the NEA and Schaumburg Democrats about their support for Senator Michael Noland in the 8th Congressional District race.
3. Spoke with members of Senator Cullerton's office about his candidacy in the 8th Congressional District race.
4. Spoke with community members from Hanover Park, Streamwood, and Schaumburg about issues schools are facing and the advantages/disadvantages of tax caps, cuts in state taxes, and other issues that could affect students and teachers not only in District 211, but also statewide.

In Unity,
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