

Ann Williams September 29 -

Representative Ann Williams - 11th District held a fundraiser at Vine's on Clark. I spoke to Representative Williams in length about her support for education, especially as the Veto Session was upcoming, especially her needed support for the Covid Relief bill.

Latinx Latino Caucus Fundraiser November 2

Representative Aaron Ortiz - 1st District, Eva-Dina Delgado - 3rd District, Delia Ramirez - 4th District, Edgar González Jr. - 21st District, Elizabeth Hernandez - 24th District, Jaime Andrade Jr. - 40th District, Barbara Hernandez - 83rd District, and Dagmara Avelar - 85th District were all present. I spoke to all of them, working with John Cusick - IFT Legislative Director as well as Local 1211 President, Steve Elza. I thanked them for their continued support of education and specifically the successful Fall Veto Session

and passage of important legislation like the Covid Relief bill. Especially helpful were Leaders Andrade and Ramirez for working with Speaker Welch to craft the successful legislation. John Cusick and Steve Elza spoke about possibly setting up a meeting and visit with Representative Marcus Evans - 33rd District, Chairman of the House Labor and Commerce Committee. I indicated I might see him the following week at an upcoming fundraiser for Representative Lakesia Collins.

Bill Cunningham and Christina Castro Fundraiser November 8

Senator Castro - 22nd District is a continual ally for education. We have a true friend in Senator Castro. I had never met Senator Bill - 18th District but he is a friend of Labor and worked with Senator Castro on the recent Energy Bill. As a bonus, Senator Celina Villanueva - 11th District, was also present. I

spent a good deal of time discussing vocational education and the need to improve its presence in Chicago Public Schools. During our conversation, Joseph Senorski, Director of Public Action for the Chicago Firefighters Union joined our conversation and shared an interest in a conversation President Steve Elza had with John Cusick the previous week.

Lakesia Collins November 10

Representative Lakesia Collins - 9th District is a fellow union member and organizer. Active in SEIU, she was encouraged by President of the Chicago Federation of Labor, Bob Reiter, to run in 2020 and in a field of nine, won. We are lucky to have a friend and a fellow Labor member in the Illinois General Assembly. I spoke to Representative Collins, thanking her for her continued support of IFT-CTU. Present at the event was a powerhouse

of Illinois politics and Labor. Bob Reiter - President of the CFL, members of the Carpenters Union leadership, Stacey Davis Gates - Vice President of the Chicago Teachers Union, Chris Welch - Speaker of The Illinois House of Representatives, Representatives Lindsey LaPointe, Theresa Mah, Marcus Evans, Delia Ramirez, to name a few. I was able to speak with all of representatives mentioned and thank them for their continued support of education and teachers. I spent a good deal of time discussing vocational education with Representative Marcus Evans - 33rd District. He is very interested in meeting with President Steve Elza and IFT Legislative Director, John Cusick on this issue since he is chair of the House Labor and Commerce Committee.