

NBFT SPOTLIGHT



Welcome our new Middle School Vice President Keith Turcios



Cliff Parker retired from the district and Keith Turcios has been appointed to serve out the term of middle school vice president. Any middle school concerns should go to Keith.

Keith is an 8th grade science teacher at Slade middle school. His union phone number is 860-681-1904 and his email is turcios@csdnb.org. Any middle school pupil service or special ed concerns should still be referred to Leah Clark.

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President's Message

Dear colleagues,

Welcome back to the start of the 2026-2027 school year! This year brings new opportunities to inspire, mentor, and coach our students as well as innovate and advocate for the conditions that allow us to thrive (and survive!) as educators.

As always, we will be met with challenges, and as always, we are ready to hit the ground running. Our Union remains committed to supporting you - whether through navigating contract language, fair working conditions, or ensuring your voice is heard. We will tackle challenges and celebrate successes as a united front. As always, our contract is posted on our website, nbft.net. Your VPs, reps, and I are here to help you and to advocate on your behalf. Please familiarize yourself with your contract and read the Spotlight, our NBFT newsletter, when it is emailed to you. You will find important information in there, including our dedicated mobile numbers if you need to reach out to us individually.

Please lend your support and advice to our many new teachers! We were all the “new kid” once, and this profession can be extremely overwhelming the first few days, weeks, and months. Support and help can make a world of difference in a new teacher's experience and perspective. Whether a colleague is new to CSDNB or new to the profession, we all know how meaningful friendships are in our field.

President's Message

As in past years, there has been significant summer movement in district staffing. Transfers and staffing changes have left some rep positions in certain buildings uncovered. I will be sending out important information in the upcoming days regarding that, so please stay tuned if you are interested in taking on a Union Rep role. Current reps, I will be sending separate communications to you as well. Our first membership meeting this year will be on September 16th at 4 PM. All meetings will be virtual, and I will send out agendas and Zoom links before our meetings.

Although I have retired from the classroom, I will continue to serve as your Union President until my term ends in the spring of 2027. The beauty of a Union is that you are never alone. Please know your entire 871 Executive Board will always advocate for you.

Thank you for all you do and for who you are. In this stressful profession, we shine when we are all in. Let's make this year one of joy, growth, collaboration, and impact. If you need support, your Union is here for you. Best wishes for an amazing and fulfilling school year!

In solidarity,
Sue

NBFT Welfare Report

by Ashley Lodovico

On behalf of the entire membership, the NBFT congratulates it's members on these happy occasions:

Tate Macdonald (Vance) wedding
Brianna Nolan (Vance) engagement
Brianna Grande (Northend) wedding
Tatiana Polanco (Gaffney) engagement
Gabriel Ramsey (NBHS) wedding

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of the following members for their recent losses:

Jill Fitzsimmons (HALS) Loss of father
Steve Collins (SCA) Loss of father
Kate Hackett (Lincoln) Loss of father
Nick Colagiovanni (Gaffney) Loss of father-in-law

Our healing thoughts are with:

Shante Mack (Chamberlain) surgery

2026-2027 NBFT Membership Meetings

- September 15
- October 13
- December 8
- February 9
- March 9
- May 11



*All membership meetings are on zoom.



Children's Enrichment Fund

- Do you want to support the children of New Britain in times of need?
- Please consider donating as little as the cost of a cup of coffee a week. The children's enrichment fund last year for example helped one of our student's family who lost everything in a house

Two ways to sign up

Paper Card

Get a card from your union rep and fill it out. Then interoffice to payroll.

Electronic signup

- Click on the link below.
- Print the application.
- Fill out the form.
- Scan using copier and email it to yourself.
- Forward scanned PDF attachment from your district email account and email it to payroll@csdnb.org

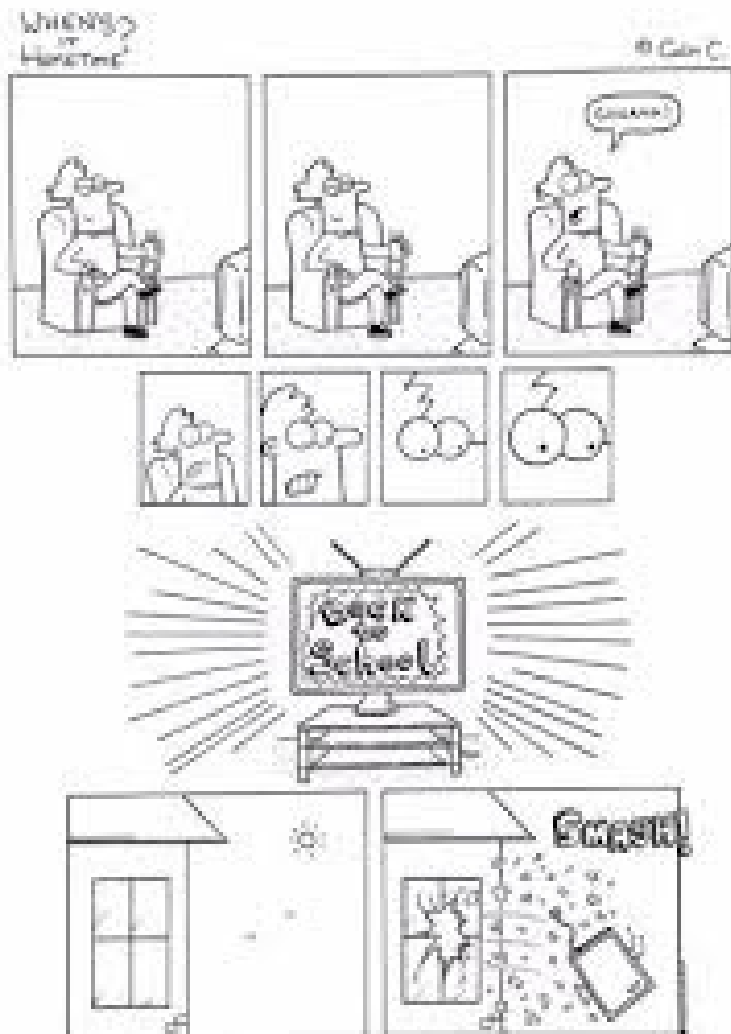
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