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# Solidarity!

## Recall Wrap Up Have YOU Signed?

*Employment security and economic security for every public employee is on the line given the passage last February of Act 10. This legislation will dissolve all of these benefits which are provided to you by MTI's various Contracts.*

**With your Union's right to collectively bargain your wages, benefits and working conditions - your economic and employment security - on the line, make sure you have signed the petitions to Recall Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Kleefisch.** Doing so will make it possible to restore your rights and enable MTI to work to protect and preserve all MTI members' quality of life.

The last possible day to sign is **Friday, January 13!** Don't wait! See your MTI Faculty Representative or MTI Board member to sign, or visit [www.madisonteachers.org](http://www.madisonteachers.org) to find out where you can sign. Every signature adds weight to the argument to Recall Governor Walker, given his destructive anti-public employee, anti-education, and anti-union ideology.

### *Turn in All Signatures ASAP!*

If you have **any outstanding petitions**, turn them in to your MTI Faculty Representative, the MTI Office or to one of three Recall Field Offices by **January 10** to ensure that they are reviewed, corrected and validated. For **last minute information on the Recall efforts**, visit the MTI Website ([www.madisonteachers.org](http://www.madisonteachers.org))!

## Channel 27 Follows Suit on Sick Notes

Following the Wisconsin State Journal's recent challenge in Circuit Court to obtain copies of sick notes submitted by MTI members during the Act 10 protests in February, **WKOW Channel 27** has now requested the same information from the School District. Negotiations between MTI legal counsel and that for the MMSD and the State Journal resulted in agreement that **names, age, work location, clinic number, any personally identifiable medical information and personally identifiable information be redacted from the doctors' notes.**

The School District's legal counsel released the sick notes to Channel 27 on December 20.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday January 16

As a result of MTI's successful negotiations several years ago, all District employees now have a paid holiday, a day off, in recognition of the accomplished civil rights of **Martin Luther King, Jr.** Given the terms of MTI's various Contracts with the District, members of MTI's teacher, educational assistant, clerical/technical, and school security assistant bargaining units will be paid for the day. MTI encourages members' observance of this important holiday which signifies the importance of Dr. King's legacy. *Let's hope Walker's Act 10 doesn't take away this holiday.*

*"The labor movement was the principal force that transformed misery and despair into hope and progress. Out of its bold struggles, economic and social reform gave birth to unemployment insurance, old age pensions, government relief to the destitute, and above all new wage levels that meant not mere survival, but a tolerable life."*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Movie Night at MTI January 19

MTI members are invited to participate in "**Movie Night**" on the third Thursday of the month at MTI starting January 19.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, our first showing will be the award-winning documentary, "**At the River I Stand: The 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike and the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King**".

This film "*skillfully reconstructs the two eventful months that transformed a strike by Memphis sanitation workers into a national conflagration, and disentangles the complex historical forces that came together with the inevitability of tragedy at the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This 58-minute documentary brings into sharp relief issues that have only become more urgent in the intervening years: the connection between economic and civil rights, debates over strategies for change, the demand for full inclusion of African Americans in American life and the fight for dignity for public employees and all working people.*"

Pizza, popcorn and soda will be provided. The screening will take place from 6-8:00 p.m. at MTI (821 Williamson Street).

This event is brought to you by the MTI Member Engagement and Development Committee.

## Tim Cullen to Run for Governor

Democratic Senator Tim Cullen, Janesville, has announced that he will run for Governor when there is a recall election for Governor Scott Walker. *"I'm serious about it, so I thought I might as well say, 'If there's a recall election, I'm running,'"* Cullen said in an interview with Wisconsin Eye. Cullen confirmed this in a meeting with MTI.

Cullen, 67, returned to the Senate in January after a 24-year absence. He served in the State Senate from 1974-1987 and rose to the rank of Senate Majority Leader. He served as Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services in 1987 and 1988; and was an executive with Blue Cross/Blue Shield United of Wisconsin from 1988-2007.

Cullen then served on the Janesville School Board from 2007-2010 and won election to his old Senate seat in November 2010 when Democratic Senator Judy Robson retired.

## SEE-MTI Election Results

Election results for MTI's Supportive Educational Employees bargaining unit (SEE-MTI) have been tabulated. Elected to the SEE-MTI Board of Directors are: President - incumbent **Travis Grover** (Information Services); Vice President (Schools) - incumbent **Larry Palm** (Affiliated Alternative/Lapham); Vice President (Central Admin) - incumbent **Kathy Chrisler** (Educational Services); Secretary - incumbent **Jane Ninmann** (Leopold); Unit Representative/High School - incumbent **Sadie Larkin** (Memorial); Unit Representatives - incumbent **Jeanie Hadden** (Payroll) and incumbent **Sandy Bolles** (Teaching & Learning).

Elected to the Negotiation Team are: Unit Representatives/Central Administration - incumbents **Sherry Barnsley** (Alternative Programs) and **Bill Thompson** (Research & Evaluation); High School Representative - incumbent **Sadie Larkin** (Memorial); and for Elementary School Representative - **Dena Jenks** (Stephens).

## MTI Night at the Theater January 12 and 13 *Talking Out of School*

*Talking out of school [slang]: Revealing inside information that was never intended to be known by outsiders.*

Mercury Players Theatre is presenting a baker's dozen of short plays written by public school teachers: elementary, junior and high school, MATC, special education, and even a substitute. We asked them, *"What do you want the public to know about being a teacher in Wisconsin in 2011? What can you tell people about teaching that they don't know, but should? How did the trauma of the last year affect you?"* The plays in "Talking Out of School" are their answers. Come and hear what they have to say. Join your fellow MTI members on January 12 and 13, at the Bartell Theatre (113 E. Mifflin St.).

Tickets/information: [www.mercuryplayerstheatre.com](http://www.mercuryplayerstheatre.com) or 608-661-9696 ext. 5. See the MTI website for more information [www.madisonteachers.org](http://www.madisonteachers.org).

## Support Pan Y Pan

**MTI members and staff collecting signatures to bring about the Recall of Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Kleefisch express appreciation for the staff and owners at Pan Y Pan Bakery and Taqueria (3737 Milwaukee St.).** When Woodman's Grocery Store on Milwaukee Street created unnecessary roadblocks for citizens exercising their rights to participate in the political process, **Pan Y Pan demonstrated respect for all viewpoints and enabled recall signatures to be gathered in their parking lot. And their food is great, too!**

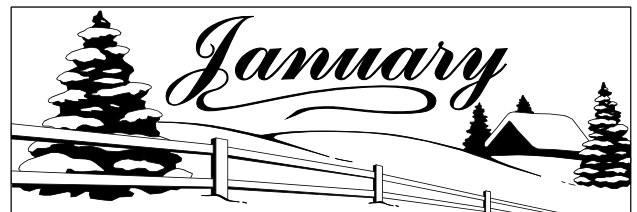
**MTI members have contributed significantly to the success of the Recall drive.**

## Important February Deadlines

**Salary Advancement Credit for passage over a salary barrier or for salary track advancement, effective with the beginning of the second semester, are due in the office of Human Resources by 5:00 p.m., February 1.**

**Sabbatical Leave applications** for either the first semester of the 2012-13 school year or for the entire school year are due in the MTI Office by 5:00 p.m., **February 1.**

**Teacher Retirement and Teacher Emeritus Retirement Program (TERP)** enrollment applications are due in the office of Human Resources by 5:00 p.m., **February 15.**



- **Monday, January 9, 4:30 p.m., MTI**  
MTI Board of Directors
- **Tuesday, January 10, 4:15 p.m., MTI**  
MTI VOTERS Political Action Committee
- **Wednesday, January 11, 4:00 p.m., MTI**  
EA-MTI Board of Directors
- **Thursday, January 12, 4:15 p.m., MTI**  
MTI Special Education Sub-Committee
- **Tuesday, January 17, 4:15 p.m., SCFL**  
MTI Faculty Representative Council
- **Thursday, January 19, 6:00 p.m., MTI**  
MTI Movie Night - At the River I Stand

## Our Union Makes Us Strong!

MTI's web page - [www.madisonteachers.org](http://www.madisonteachers.org)  
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