

## SEIU Local 140 Newsletter 10.10.22

### COVID Leave Campaign

Since our COVID leave agreement expired June 30th, the district has been unwilling to come to the table to bargain for a renewed agreement. This week, representatives from many unions in our union coalition will be speaking before the board to protest the district's inaction on this issue. We will also formally present the board with over 700 signatures we have collected on our COVID leave [petition](#).

Please show up to the Prophet Education Service Center (formerly BESC) at 6pm, Tuesday 10/11 to support! If you are working then or unable to attend, you can still send in a picture to add to our photo petition. If you cannot attend in person, you can also stream the board meeting [here](#).

The Portland Federation of School Professionals (PFSP) representing classified employees is also organizing a rally outside Atkinson Elementary during back-to-school night on Wednesday 10/12 at 6:15pm. This is another opportunity to show up in support of COVID leave and show solidarity with PFSP workers who are also calling attention to the continued staffing crisis.

It is shameful that PPS has refused to negotiate over this important issue for this long. Since July 1st, many employees have been forced to use all their paid leave and even go unpaid to stay home with COVID. We know that COVID is still spreading in our communities and is [predicted](#) to rise again this winter. Now is the time to work together to demand that PPS take care of its workers and provide us with paid COVID leave!

### Membership meeting recap

This past Saturday was our monthly membership meeting open to all custodial and nutrition service workers. This month we discussed the treasurer's report, upcoming code of conduct training, COVID leave campaign, steward recruitment, election volunteering, labor management meetings and more. Minutes from the meeting will be published in next week's newsletter. All are encouraged to attend our meetings whether in person or on zoom and share your questions and ideas for our union. Our next meeting will be Saturday 11/12.

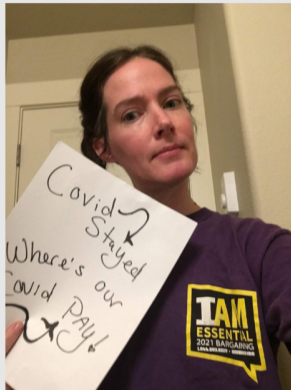
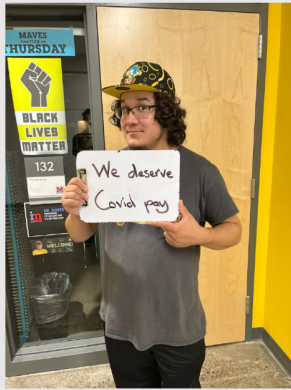
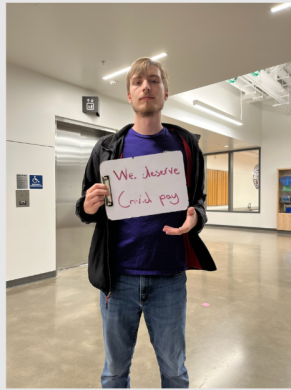
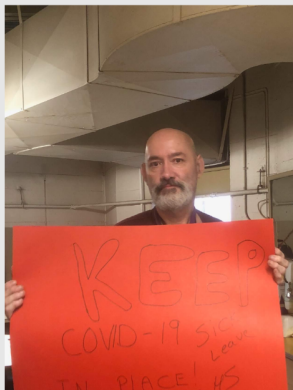
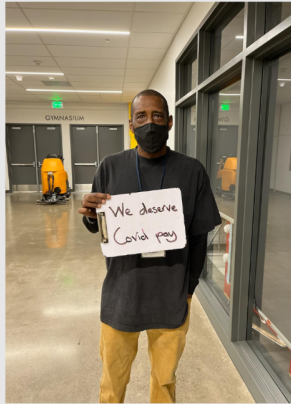
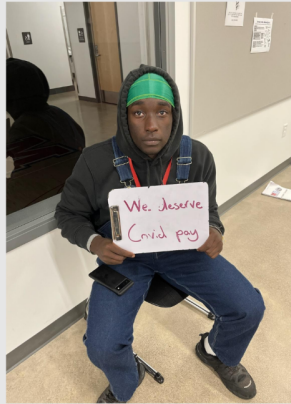
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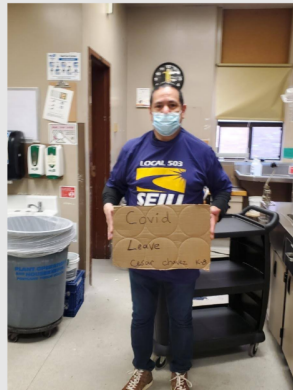
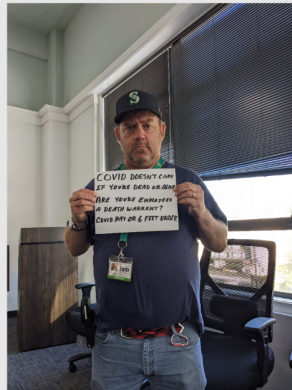
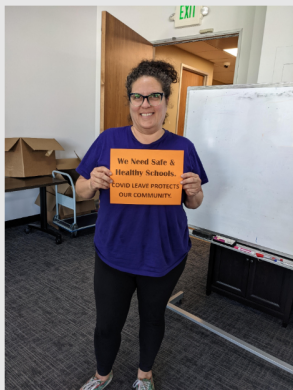
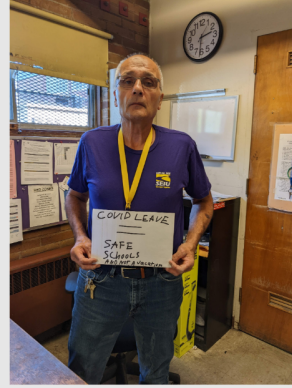
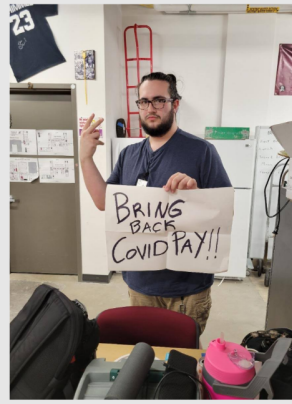
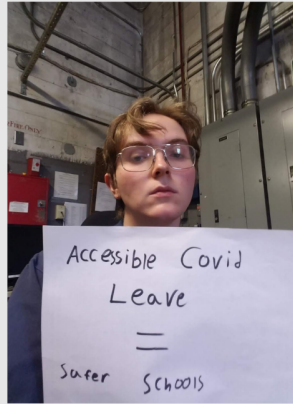
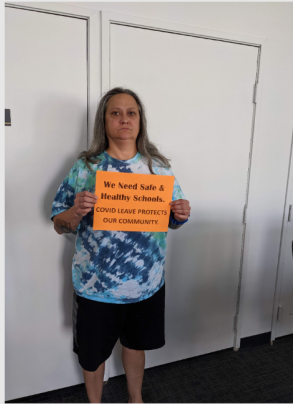
#### Next Steps

- Wear purple to the board meeting at Prophet Education Service Center 501 N Dixon St. this Tuesday 10/11 at 6:00pm to show solidarity with our union coalition demanding PPS provide paid COVID leave
- Join a rally for COVID leave at Atkinson Elementary Wednesday 10/12 at 6:15 pm
- Attend our SEIU 503 code of conduct [training](#) on Saturday 10/22 at 10am

# PPS WORKERS NEED PAID COVID LEAVE!









Sign this petition to tell PPS to respect their employees by allowing them paid COVID-19 leave:

<https://tinyurl.com/covidleavepps>

