

SEIU Local 140 Newsletter 11.23.22

COVID leave delegation/rally

On Tuesday 12/6 at 11:00am, night custodians plan to gather at PESC where we will attempt to reach management to deliver the message that we need paid COVID leave. The Portland Association of Teachers (PAT) did a similar action recently, and the PAT as well as other unions representing PPS workers continue to push for paid leave. This is a great chance to get involved for those who can't make it to board meetings or other evening events. There will be a planning meeting for the event this Saturday 11/26 at 11:00am on [zoom](#). Look for more details about the rally these next few weeks!

No Pay November

With so many school days off in the month of November, NS workers often struggle this time of year. No school equals no pay for us. Kids still need to eat, and if we fed them, that would create work for us during this time. It would also be a good time to be given some hours to work on all the things that need to happen in our kitchens that we never have time for. Management doesn't realize the impact not working has on us financially and maybe it's time to let them know.

-Veronica

Local union news

The wave of Starbucks Workers Unions has made its way to Portland! I have driven past baristas picketing in Sellwood-Westmoreland twice in the last month. They were blasting music, waving signs, and protecting the integrity of the picket line. The organizing happening at Starbucks and New Seasons (which continues to add stores to the NSLU) is unique in how quickly and unanimously their movement is spreading. Their tactics are new to this era. This could be a great learning opportunity as we enter contract bargaining and continue bargaining for quarantine leave. You can read more about what the portland Starbucks workers are up to at the link below. In the meantime, don't cross the picket line. Maybe try a local shop for now.

<https://nwlaborpress.org/2022/11/starbucks-fires-portland-union-organizer/>

Coming up

- COVID leave delegation/rally planning meeting Saturday 11/26, 11am on [zoom](#)
- COVID leave delegation/rally at PESC Tuesday 12/6, 11am
- Membership meeting Saturday 12/10, 10am
- School board meeting Tuesday 12/13, 6pm at PESC
- [Register](#) for steward training Saturday 12/17