

[MEMBER LABEL]

# Reclaiming the Promise

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

AFT AMESBURY  
LOCAL 1033



**MARCH 15, 2018 – APRIL 15, 2018**



**RETURN YOUR COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO:**

[RETURN TO LABEL]



Dear Member of AFT Amesbury,

It's time to reclaim the promise of public education—not as it is today or as it was in the past, but as it can be—to fulfill our collective obligation to help all children succeed.<sup>1</sup>

Reclaiming the promise is about fighting for public schools that are clean, safe, welcoming places for teaching and learning.<sup>2</sup>

Reclaiming the promise is about ensuring that teachers and school support staff are well-prepared, are supported, have manageable class sizes and workloads, and have time to collaborate to meet the needs of every child.<sup>3</sup>

Reclaiming the promise is about making sure our children have an engaging curriculum that focuses on teaching and learning, not testing, and includes art, music and the sciences.<sup>4</sup>

By uniting our voices and joining together around shared values and common goals, we can build a movement—parents, students, teachers, school staff and the broader community—with the power to reclaim the promise. We will get there by bringing together everyone who believes in the future of public education and focusing on finding solutions rather than winning arguments.<sup>5</sup>

We will help the Amesbury Public Schools become the centers of our community, secure a voice and respect for those closest to the classroom, and fulfill public education's purpose as a propeller of our economy, an anchor of democracy, and a gateway to racial, social and economic justice.<sup>6</sup>

But the promise of public education is under attack by those who demand and pursue austerity, polarization, privatization and de-professionalization.<sup>7</sup> [Janus vs. AFSCME, a case now before the US Supreme Court, is just the latest in this series of attacks.](#) It's about Freedom! This case is about wealthy corporations and right-wing politicians trying to eliminate our freedom to join together as a Union to create better lives for ourselves and our families.

AFT Amesbury is a union of 200+ Teachers, Nurses, Counselors, Social Workers, Paraprofessionals, Tutors, and Multi-Purpose Facilities Technicians committed to the promise of quality public education for all the children of Amesbury. We are a "Union of Professionals", and we are committed to each other!

To achieve our promise, we need your help. We can neutralize [Janus vs. AFSCME](#) by coming together as a Union, but it all starts with you! Help us Reclaim the Promise! Our Membership Drive is on-going. *We're need for all our members to complete and sign a revised Membership Application (attached to this letter). This is how we defeat the right-wing agenda of [Janus vs AFSCME](#). Please fill-out all the requested information, and return the completed/signed Membership Application to your Building Representative.* Not sure who you're Building Representative is? Go to Contact-Us section of the Local 1033 Website at <http://amesbury.ma.aft.org/contact-us>. Let's make this happen!

In Solidarity,

*Cindy Yetman*, President

Local 1033



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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**FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL (NON-WORK) E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL/BUILDING/ROOM #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT: (CHECK ONE)**

☐ TEACHER/NURSE      ☐ MPF TECHNICIANS/MAINTENANCE      ☐ PARAPROFESSIONAL/TUTOR

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS: (CHECK ONE)**      ☐ FULL TIME      ☐ PART TIME

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DUES DEDUCTION**

- ☐ I hereby request and accept membership in the AFT Amesbury, Local 1033 and I agree to abide by its Constitution and Bylaws. I authorize the union and its successor or assignee to act as my exclusive bargaining representative for purposes of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment with my employer.
- ☐ Effective immediately, I hereby authorize and direct my Employer to deduct from my pay each pay period and transmit to the AFT Amesbury, Local 1033 membership dues in the amount established or revised by the AFT Amesbury, Local 1033 in accordance with the AFT Amesbury, Local 1033 Constitution and By-Laws. There shall be no change in the amount of dues deducted without 60 days prior notice to me by the AFT Amesbury, Local 1033. If for any reason my Employer fails to make a deduction, I authorize the Employer to make such deduction in the subsequent payroll period.

I recognize that my authorization of dues deduction, and continuation of such authorization from one year to the next, is voluntary and not a condition of my employment.

In order to comply with the Internal Revenue Service ruling, be advised that your membership dues are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TREASURER USE ONLY**

☐ FULL DUES RATE      ☐ HALF DUES RATE      ☐ QUARTER DUES RATE      ☐ EIGHTH DUES RATE