

Beyond The Headlines: The Romney Budget

What do you know about the Romney Budget Proposal?

Did you know that Romney's budget. . .

- Kicks thousands of workers out of their union?
- Removes most union protections for all public employees fortunate enough to still have a union?
- Removes seniority protections for public sector workers?
- Eliminates Civil Service Protections for state and municipal workers?
- Eliminates choices for state employee health insurance and forces state workers to pay hundreds more dollars per month for those limited choices?
- Eliminates the Pacheco Law?
- Does not fund the higher education collective bargaining agreements?
- Will result in 2,000 – 3,000 state employee layoffs due to budget cuts?

In addition, did you know that Romney is planning to . . .

- Eliminate the public employee pension system and replace it with a 401(k)?
- Privatize three public colleges and consolidate three others?
- Close the Fernald School and Worcester State Hospital in the next year, and the remaining DMR hospitals and some DMH facilities after that?

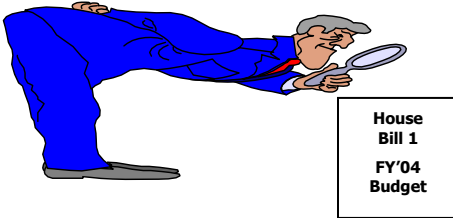
Heard enough? Ready to fight back?

Mitt Romney has declared war on public employees. If you value your job, your health insurance, your pension and your employment protections, **fight back!!!** **None of these proposals are a done deal.** We can fight back by talking with our legislators about the importance of public services and public sector workers. *We can tell legislators that we support adequate revenue for public services!*

In coalition with other public sector unions, AFSCME is organizing five legislative briefings throughout the state to talk to legislators about Romney's ideas and how they'll hurt public services, our members and their families. If we cannot get hundreds of union members to attend these briefings, we cannot protect our members from Romney's corporate takeover of Massachusetts! *To protect your job, your health insurance, your pension, and your employment protections, you must come and defend them to your elected representatives.*

On the reverse you'll find information about the dates and locations of the five regional briefings. Please attend the one closest to you. Be sure to be there.

Your future is in your hands!



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Central Mass Briefing

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2003
Time: Union members should arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Teamster's Local 170, 805 Millbury Street in Worcester (508) 799-0551
Directions: Traveling on route 290 West, get off at Brosnihan Square/Rt 146. Go under the 290 bridge and pass Ernie's Car Wash. Take your next available right. That is Millbury St. Cross the railroad tracks and proceed to the set of lights. The hall will be on your left.
Coming from Auburn and traveling East on 290, exit at the Brosnihan Square exit. Bear to the left. Proceed straight and you will come to Quinsigamond Ave. Take a left towards Brosnihan Square. Go straight through the square and under the 290 bridge. Pass Ernie's Car Wash and take your next right. Go over the railroad tracks and up to the traffic lights. The hall will be on the left. From McKeon Road is, just follow it to the Millbury street end and take a right. The hall will be immediately on your left.

Western Mass Briefing

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2003
Time: Union members should arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Ramada Inn 357 Burnett Road in Chicopee (413) 592-9101
Directions: From the East/West: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike, Route 90, to Exit 6. After the tolls, proceed to the traffic light and take a right onto Burnett Road. The Ramada Inn is 2/10 of a mile on the right side.
From the North/South: Take Route 91 to Exit 8, Ludlow/Boston, 291 East. Proceed on Route 290 East for approximately 5 miles until you come to a set of traffic lights. Go straight through the traffic lights. The Ramada Inn will be 2/10 of a mile on the right side.

Greater Boston Briefing

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2003
Time: Union members should arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Boston Teacher's Union,
180 Mt. Vernon Street (next to Bayside Exposition Center-Columbia/UMass stop on the Red Line) (617) 288-2000
Directions: Can be found at: http://www.btu.org/btu_directions.htm Parking Available

Southeastern Mass/South Shore Briefing

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2003
Time: Union members should arrive promptly at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Holiday Inn in Taunton (508) 823-0430
Directions: Off of Route I-495, take exit 9 onto Bay Street. If you're traveling north, exit left to the 1st set of lights. Turn right onto Myles Standish Blvd. Go 1 mile, and hotel is on the right. If you're traveling south, exit right to 1st set of lights. Turn right onto Myles Standish Blvd. Go 1 mile, and hotel is on the right.

North Shore Briefing

Date: Monday, April 14, 2003
Time: Union members arrive at 6:00 p.m.
Location: IUE Local 201, 112 Exchange Street in Lynn (781) 598-2760
Directions: Take 93 North to Route 1A North. Follow for 10-12 miles. Go through a large rotary in Revere – follow signs for Route 1A North toward Lynn. Go over the General Edwards Bridge and you will be on the Lynnway. Go about four miles and look for signs to downtown Lynn. Take the downtown Lynn exit (on the left) near North Shore Community College. Get in the right turn lane to take that left turn. Move further to the right after you turn, and take a right at the first set of lights onto Broad St. Go past the college on the right and the train station on the left. At the 2nd set of lights after the train station, park. You'll see a sub shop called D&D place. Across the street is the union hall, which is parallel to Broad Street on Exchange Street.