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NAFT Scholarship Winners

The NAFT awards two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who are dependents of NAFT members. Scholarship applicants complete two essays. The essays are read by the NAFT Executive Board in a blind reading. The winners of this year's scholarships are North Attleboro senior, Joseph Grimler, son of Donna Gimler, and Cumberland High senior, Katherine Meegan, daughter of Laura Meegan.

Stand for Children Ballot Initiative

Article excerpted from AFTMA.net

In November, Massachusetts residents will be asked to vote on a ballot question backed by a group called, deceptively, Stand for Children. But critics of the organization, which is funded by corporate foundations and has deep ties to Bain Capital, say a more accurate name might be Stand Against Teachers. If the ballot question wins the backing of voters, the controversial measure would gut workplace protections for educators and make it far more difficult for them to advocate on behalf of the students who need them most.

Stand for Children claims that the initiative will "promote excellence in public schools," but a closer examination shows that it will have the opposite effect: It could drive great teachers from the classroom and silence teacher voices at the expense of children.

Keep posted for updates on this initiative.

Daffodil Days

Thank you to all who participated in this year's American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. The North Attleboro Federation of Teachers raised \$1,775 to support this cause. A big thank you to Brooke Kelly for organizing this event for our local!

AFT Teach

Five members of the NAFT will be trained this summer at AFT TEACH. Kerrie Grant, Kristin Shanley, Patricia Micheli, Tracy Finan, and Alex Hatzberger will attend the national training from July 9-18. The team will come back trained to provide our members with quality professional development courses. Our local trainers will be able to offer the following courses: Foundations of Effective Teaching, Instructional Strategies That Work for All Disciplines, and Managing Anti-Social Behavior. This is an exciting endeavor for the NAFT!

General Membership Meeting

There will be a general membership meeting on May 8, 2012 beginning at 3:30 in the Middle School Cafetorium. Members will vote on the NAFT budget. There will be a question and answer period regarding lay-offs and the Vacancy Pool which begins in May.