

8/24/21

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Contract

B

bettyavarin@gmail.com

Tue 8/24/2021 3:33 PM

To: Public Comment



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My name is Betty A. Vain. I am proud to work as a paraprofessional in Killingly. I also live and pay taxes in this town and have raised my family in this town Killingly.

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Betty A. Varin

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Paraprofessionals

JM

JUDY MECCA <meccajubean@aol.com>

Tue 8/24/2021 7:05 PM

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Paraprofessionals in our local school system are extremely important. They are there to help in the educating of each student, as well as help support . Children receive the one on one help that they need. My sister is a paraprofessional, and she is very important to the children she works with. I'm sure every student she has worked with over the years, is better off, because they were lucky enough to have her as their paraprofessional. (Mrs. Tracy Rose) Paraprofessionals are one of the most important parts of our Killingly School System. Paraprofessionals make a huge difference in our Killingly Schools!!!!

Thank you,
Mrs. Judy Mecca

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TR

tracy rose <ttt3rose@yahoo.com>

Tue 8/24/2021 6:20 PM

To: Public Comment



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Hi, I've worked as a paraprofessional in the Killingly school district for the past 17 years. The rewards I receive from my job are an unexplainable joy. The honor I feel that parents trust me to care for their children. The pride I see in a child's face when they've conquered something they've struggled with is a gift. To build a relationship with students that can give them the comfort of a friend is a treasure. All these things are my rewards and I'm honored to be able to do it every day. The last contract our union signed I received a 10¢ raise, yes ten cents AND with joining an HSA my insurance has just about doubled. I take my job seriously because I feel like helping children learn and grow is one of the most important jobs there is. I know there are many more paraprofessionals who feel the same way. The proof is the fact that most are working for less than fast food and retail employees make. I hope you can understand these are all good people wanting to do good things. It's disappointing for another contract to go to arbitration. I hope the Superintendent and Board of Ed can see their way to understanding how many amazing people give so much to the children of this district. Please help us to get this latest contract settled. Thank you, Tracy Rose

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I support our Paraprofessionals

SH

shawn hebert <annandshawn@sbcglobal.net>

Wed 8/25/2021 7:54 AM

To: Public Comment



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Hello

I have been a lifelong resident of Killingly and I wanted to contact you to let you know I support our Paraprofessionals in the Killingly school systems. With the current state of employment due to COVID I think it is a shame that we pay our paraprofessionals less than people who work at McDonalds (unskilled labor). These individuals work hard behind the scenes to keep classes running smoothly, calmly, and often are the only bridge between students and teachers. They close the gap on support for our students and often in the Special Ed classes have to deal with combative and physical situations. They are required to toilet and care for students and they all do it with passion. They don't work in that field because of the money, they do it because they are passionate at helping their students thrive and we need to show them we respect what they do. They have worked through a pandemic and we have not shown them their value as other companies have done. Paraprofessionals are vital parts of our school system and should not be treated like low level employees. Please make sure we give them the respect and compensation they deserve.

Thank you,

Ann Hebert

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Statement

HB

Hailee Blanchard <hailee.neps@gmail.com>

Wed 8/25/2021 8:27 AM

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My name is Hailee Blanchard. I am proud to work as a paraprofessional in Killingly. I also live and pay taxes in this town and have raised my family in this town.

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Thank you.

Hailee Blanchard

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MC

Misty Crowley

Thu 8/26/2021 3:16 PM

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I am writing in support of giving KPS Instructional Assistants a livable and competitive wage. You've seen the data, you know they can make dollars more an hour in most any neighboring district.

Misty Crowley

Grade 6 Science Teacher

KIS Science Instructional Coordinator

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