

UNION CONNECTION- SPRING 2011

"THE LINE HAS BEEN DRAWN IN THE SAND PUBLIC WORKERS UNDER WORST ATTACKS"

To quote Gerald W. McEntee International President of AFSCME" Each of us must be fully engaged in a unified effort for the good of every AFSCME member, for the good of working families and for the good of our nation" This statement is very relevant based on the attacks on the Public Sector that has come to a head in Wisconsin and matters because, strong standards strengthen the middle class it puts pressure on private sector to improve fair pay, healthy workplace, secure retirements. Decent government pay means decent government because it attracts skilled productive workers. Public employees are not the problem-It because of Wall Street speculators-top end tax cuts and corporate tax avoidance.

To bring it home here in New York both city and state government have declare war on working families by attacking public sector workers by demanding Zeroes for city heroes, closing schools and laying off teachers. Uniformed workers would have to prove their illness was job connected and pensions wouldn't be vested until 10 years.

They are trying to divide households by pitting public sector workers against private sector workers. We must stand as a united force all workers because we make the city, state and country strong.

Let the call of Wisconsin be ours "We are all Labor" Protect Collective Bargaining"

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