



ATTENTION
MEMBERS OF ATU LOCAL 1181-1061
CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 UPDATE
May 6, 2020

We would like to inform you as to what has been transpiring since our last update.

Over the past weeks, I have been working with the ATU International President, John Costa, TWU, Teamsters and IUJAT, our Local, State and Federal politicians, including; US Congressman Max Rose, NYS Senators John Liu and Robert Jackson, NYS Assemblyman Mike Reilly, NYC Councilman and Education Chair, Mark Treyger and in conjunction with our lobbyists both at the Local and State levels.

We continue to reach out to Mayor deBlasio, First Deputy Mayor Dean Fuleihan, Chief of Staff to the Mayor, Emma Wolfe, NYC Commissioner of Labor, Renee Campion, NYC Comptroller, Scott Stringer, NYC Department of Education Director of Pupil Transportation, Kevin Moran to demand that they make the right decision for our members by urging them to extend our employers' contracts. By doing so, we can maintain our salaries, medical benefits and pensions and ensure a smooth and safe transition into the Fall school year.

We continue to have tremendous support in our efforts from our retirees as well as parent groups (PIST). We thank you for your support!

In addition, it has come to our attention that a significant number of our members have contracted this virus. Many have been treated and released from hospitals, some remain in hospitals and there are those who unfortunately succumbed to this disease. To those brothers and sisters, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Let me be clear, our position as school bus drivers and attendants are an intricate and essential part of a safe transition back to normal and without us, there can be no successful reopening of our society let alone our schools! If the children we transport cannot get back to school safely, their parents and guardians cannot return to work. We ARE a part of the "essential worker family" and should be treated as such.

We are committed to protecting our members and will continue to update you as we move forward during this pandemic. For your review, are some documents, news articles and letters of support. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your union representatives.

On behalf of myself and the executive board, know that your union representatives continue to work every day to try and resolve these issues. Stay strong, stay united!

God bless ATU Local 1181-1061
God bless you and your families
Stay safe and stay healthy!

In Solidarity,
Michael Cordiello, President\Business Agent
and the Executive Board ATU Local 1181-1061