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## WE NEED EVERYONE ON THIS ONE!

Tuesday, November 15 begins a 60-day petition drive to **RECALL WALKER**. Unions, Progressives, Democrats, and anyone else that cares about middle class values will be collecting in excess of 540,000 signatures to demand a recall election take place this spring.

We will be asking every member to circulate two petitions, one for Walker and one for Kleefisch, and turn in the signed petitions to your Union leadership for proper handling. Petitions will be available on November 15<sup>th</sup> from NTU or the United Wisconsin website ([www.unitedwisconsin.com](http://www.unitedwisconsin.com)). Your Unit President will have more information and will be contacting you with specifics.



If you need more information about why we are doing this, and in order to address any questions that potential signers may have, we would recommend the following website, [www.wisdems.org/recallHQ/Walkerfailures](http://www.wisdems.org/recallHQ/Walkerfailures). It cites eleven different areas where the Governor's record has not been good for Wisconsin and it gives specifics behind the issues.

Circulating a petition is easy and only a few easy precautions need to be followed. Any eligible Wisconsin voter can sign. They must list their municipality of residence, along with the post office address, including street and number, if any, or rural route (the address must be complete and clearly show that the signer resides in the district or jurisdiction represented by the officeholder, so PO Boxes are not acceptable). There will be a space for the date of signing (no ditto marks) and each separate petition must contain a completed Certification of Circulator.

The person circulating the petition must sign and date the certification **after** he or she has obtained the signatures. And the individual must have personally circulated the petition and personally obtained each of the signatures on the paper.

WEAC/NTU is asking each member to circulate a petition and seek ten other people to sign it. As stated above, we will need plenty of signatures and are sure that some people will be more than happy to obtain more than ten.

So, don't leave it to someone else to do. Walker has impacted each and every one of you so make the effort in this first step in RECLAIMING WISCONSIN.

## NBPTS Candidate Support Workshops ~ NTU-Rhineland

Nov. 19	Planning your Entries and Instructional Context - (Bring Entry #1)
Dec. 3	Bring a Video Entry
Jan. 7	Bring Portfolio Entries for Feedback
Feb. 4	Bring Portfolio Entries for Feedback
Mar. 10	How to Prepare for the Written Exercises

Also, plan on attending the 2012 WEAC Winter Academy where you will be editing and revising your written commentaries. NBCTs will be present to read entries.

RSVP for the above sessions, which are held on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at the NTU-Rhineland office. Call 1.800.367.4901 or feel free to e-mail [bonnie@ntu1.com](mailto:bonnie@ntu1.com). Beverages and a light lunch will be provided.

## RECERTIFICATION OF NTU UNITS BEGINS

For those Units within NTU that are without a contract, NTU is getting information concerning the window and procedures for voting for recertification and forwarding it onto the Unit President. The window for calling will be between noon Friday, November 18 and noon Thursday, December 8, 2011. You should be getting specific information from your Local President on how to make this call, and what to expect when you call.

All employees within a bargaining unit may vote and do not have to be a member of the Union. The threshold to prevail is 51% of all eligible voters, regardless of whether or not they actually voted. Employees not calling in will be considered a "NO" vote, so you need to make every "YES" vote count by making the call!

To maintain your collective voice with the District, make the call and vote yes!

## TOP NOTCH SUPERINTENDENTS!

With the onset of recertification voting procedures, Districts and Unions are receiving documents explaining the process and window for voting. Districts are required to post these notices in a prominent place in each building, but nothing further.

NTU has learned numerous Superintendents within NTU, who will not be named in this article because of potential pressure from their colleagues, took it upon themselves to pass the WERC e-mail notification onto each employee via school e-mail, with some of them even putting a printed copy of the notice in the hands of each employee.

We, here at NTU, contrast this behavior to the letters we have seen written by superintendents from around the state interfering with the process rather than being transparent and impartial on the process. In this day and age of power grabs, NTU finds these Superintendents' up-front approach to recertification refreshing. It shows we operate differently in Northern Wisconsin where collaboration instead of confrontation should remain the norm.

If you are a member in one of these Districts, and you haven't already, thank your Superintendent for their approach to the recertification process.



## WALKER RECALL RALLY - MADISON Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.

NTU will be running a bus from the Rhineland area (with stops in Rhineland, Minocqua and Tomahawk) to Madison for the Walker Recall Rally. We will also be running a bus from the Hayward area (with stops in Ashland, Drummond, Hayward and Trego) on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in attending the Rally, and riding one of our coach buses, please call the appropriate NTU office to make your reservation. You will need to RSVP by the end of the day on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in order to ride. There is no charge to ride the bus, however, if we do not fill the buses, they will be cancelled due to the expense. The Rally will take place at the Wisconsin State Capitol on the State Street side.