

Nutrition Services & Custodians need your help!

Custodians and nutrition services workers have masked up and worked through the pandemic to keep school buildings safe and provide school lunches to families in need. We do this because we love our jobs and know how important it is to ensure students are safe and healthy.

We've been negotiating with the district for over two months to get basic health and safety protections and compensation for our essential work. Unfortunately the district has been very resistant, and we've had to go public with to pressure PPS to do the right thing.

You may see us leafleting or rallying outside your school over the next few weeks and we want to make sure you understand the reasons why:

Hazard Pay: For nutrition service workers, the lowest paid PPS group, and the only one who've had their hours and wages cut during this pandemic. This majority female workforce has put themselves at risk to feed the community and deserve respect.

All PPS Unions are working together to ensure the district prioritizes the health and safety of students and their hard-working staff so the return to in person instruction will be successful. We are raising the below issues because they are critical to provide a safe learning environment during a pandemic.

Custodians: Enough Union staff to clean and disinfect buildings. PPS's current "Moderately Dingy" standard is not good enough, and hiring contractors is not the solution.

Quarantine Pay: Staff who need to isolate to avoid spreading COVID should get quarantine pay so they won't have to go to work sick to pay their bills.

If you would like to help you can:

- Share this information in your networks
- Join us at our upcoming rallies, check the SEIU Local 503 Facebook page for events.
- Call Claire Hertz- 503-916-3380 and tell her to respect, protect, and pay us for the essential work we do.

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