



AFT Local 943 members of have been standing together to receive decent benefits for staff, quality programs for students, and to thwart efforts to privatize custodial staff. Their efforts have been justly rewarded!

On Tuesday, March 8th teachers and PSRP members at General Patton School in Riverdale District 133 walked off the job due to the lack of a fair contract proposal after eight months of bargaining and mediation. The courageous small staff of nineteen eventually came to a resolution to end the work stoppage during a school board meeting on Monday, March 14th. Later that week, union members ratified a four-year contract, which would provide raises of 5% each year. The heroic efforts of this small group of union activists has also lit a fire within their community members who will vowed to board members that they will be involved and engaged starting with school board elections.

At another school board meeting held Monday, March 14th, union council members of Orland Council of Educators had a call to action which was successful in persuading their board members to vote down a motion to begin efforts to privatize and outsource 34 custodial jobs for the next school year.