

PITTSFIELD FEDERATION OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

LOCAL 1315



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SENT VIA E-MAIL

April 27, 2021

Pittsfield School Committee
Ms. Katherine Yon, Chairperson
269 1st Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

RE: Petition to the Pittsfield School Committee

Dear Katherine,

Attached is a petition which includes the signatures of over 500 employees, teachers, and residents in support of [our request for a salary adjustment](#) on behalf of the members of the Pittsfield Federation of School Employees (PFSE). PFSE members are the dedicated Bus Drivers/Bus Monitors, Cafeteria Workers, Custodians, Educational Secretaries, and Paraprofessionals employed by the Pittsfield Public Schools. [Click here for a breakdown of the wages paid to all classifications of support staff who work for the Pittsfield Public Schools in relation to the rising Massachusetts Minimum Wage.](#)

We are asking that you use some of the monies coming to the City Pittsfield under the federal funding for COVID-19 relief/stimulus (estimated to be more than \$41M) and to the Pittsfield Public Schools under increases to state Chapter 70 funding as part of the Student Opportunity Act (estimated to be more than \$27M over the next 6 years) to do a salary adjustment for your support staff and their families.

The services that our members provide are a part of the “common good” that make Pittsfield a better place to live and raise a family. Your support staff should not be expected to give their all each day to make our public schools successful in return for wages that border on “oppressive and unreasonable”. **Our request is for an immediate salary adjustment of \$3.00/hour across the board for Support Staff classifications including all Bus Drivers/Bus Monitors, Cafeteria Workers, Custodians, Educational Secretaries and Paraprofessionals with additional adjustments during the upcoming round of contract negotiations.**

Sincerely,

Sandi Amburn

Sandi Amburn, President
Pittsfield Federation of School Employees

Cc: Pittsfield School Committee Members
The Berkshire Eagle – Amanda Burke

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PETITION TO THE PITTSFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND WAGE INCREASE

We, the undersigned rise in support of employees of the Pittsfield Public Schools and their request for a salary adjustment and wage increase. [A copy of their request is attached to this Petition.](#)

Our Bus Drivers/Monitors, Cafeteria Workers, Custodians, Paraprofessionals, and Educational Secretaries go to work each day with one goal in mind - to provide the best possible learning experience for the children of Pittsfield.

These employees are committed to dignity and respect for our students and all employees of the Pittsfield Public Schools. They are devoted to their families and our community, and we proudly stand with them and support their demand for social justice and economic fairness.

We want the Pittsfield School Committee and the City of Pittsfield to do more than just listen to their demands. We want you to act!

The wages currently paid to our dedicated Support Staff employees are unreasonable and border on oppressive. This needs to end!

Our request is for an immediate salary adjustment of \$3.00/hour across the board for all classifications included in the Cafeteria Unit, with additional adjustments during the upcoming round of contract negotiations. We are also requesting similar salary adjustments across the board for the Bus Driver/Bus Monitors, Custodians, Educational Secretaries, and Paraprofessionals as this situation is certainly not unique to one unit.

As our elected officials we need you to do what is right for these families and our community!

We hereby petition the Pittsfield School Committee to immediately implement the request for a salary adjustment and increase in wages so that the Support Staff can properly provide for their families.



PETITION SIGNATURES

SERIAL	SID	SUBMITTED TIME	IP ADDRESS	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	I AM	E-MAIL ADDRESS	SCHOOL/BUILDING	TITLE	DATE SIGNED		
476	993032	4/17/2021 10:48	24.194.77.104	Laurie	Brindle	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	lbrindle79@gmail.com	Egremont Elementary	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Laurie	Brindle
477	993036	4/17/2021 11:04	2603:7081:338:346c:290d:d8ce:b699:74ce	LeeAnn	Massery	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	lmassery@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	LeeAnn	Massery
478	993039	4/17/2021 11:13	2603:7080:d73b:4000:b583:4af8:42d4:59a4	Morrison	Robblee	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	mrobblee@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Morrison	Robblee
479	993041	4/17/2021 11:31	2600:387:5:807::4f	Beth	DiCicco	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	bdicicco3@me.com	Egremont Elementary	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Beth	DiCicco
480	993042	4/17/2021 11:36	2600:1000:b128:1dd8:b008:210a:5515:db1a	Seth	Christopher	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	schristopher@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Seth	Christopher
481	993044	4/17/2021 11:47	2603:7081:33c:fb36:65ca:63bf:8ce3:5f40	Cara	Peckham	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	carapeckham@gmail.com	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Cara	Peckham
482	993047	4/17/2021 12:03	73.61.21.156	Elizabeth	King	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	eking@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Elizabeth	King
483	993058	4/17/2021 13:37	2600:1000:b16b:f7e6:fb50:ffd0:e4b4:c6ea	Leonard	Leonard	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	Splashleonard@gmail.com	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Leonard	Leonard
484	993059	4/17/2021 13:37	2600:387:5:805::1b	David	Ward	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)		Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	David	Ward
485	993061	4/17/2021 13:51	2603:7081:405:ec7e:a83e:bc54:a327:f057	Adam	West	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)		Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Adam	West
486	993066	4/17/2021 14:34	72.228.3.66	Katrina	Maffuccio	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	kmaffuccio@pittsfield.net	Crosby Elementary	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Katrina	Maffuccio
487	993067	4/17/2021 15:00	2603:7081:401:6a35:7810:d7a5:d0fe:601d	Pamela	Garwood	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	pgarwood@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Pamela	Garwood
488	993070	4/17/2021 15:06	2603:7081:401:6a35:8c86:f90d:1e8b:500c	Kalie	Garwood	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	Kaliemgarwood@gmail.com	Crosby Elementary	Paraprofessional	4/17/2021	Kalie	Garwood
489	993071	4/17/2021 15:10	2600:1000:b166:dd60:6d7f:39a4:7066:1fe2	Lynn	Ashburn	A RESIDENT of Pittsfield	Ashburnlynn@gmail.com	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Lynn	Ashburn
490	993074	4/17/2021 15:13	107.72.178.96	Allison	Skidmore	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	askidmore@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Paraprofessional	4/17/2021	Allison	Skidmore
491	993075	4/17/2021 15:16	2603:7081:406:29d8:9c60:3fb8:6791:a051	April	Nutting	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)		N/A	Teacher/Educator	4/15/2021	April	Nutting
492	993076	4/17/2021 15:19	2600:1700:1c20:3280:d1a9:3aa8:415a:7b09	Lauren	Clark	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	laclark@pittsfield.net	Capeless Elementary	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Lauren	Clark
493	993078	4/17/2021 15:46	2600:1000:b16a:104:229.78.245	Susan	Mooney	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	smooney@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Susan	Mooney
494	993079	4/17/2021 15:55	2603:7081:402:928d:4c90:bcae:ec05:b378	Dennis	Carr	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	dcarr@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Dennis	Carr
495	993080	4/17/2021 15:56	2603:7081:403:13ba:cc12:65c:dde2:96f5	Roy	Matthews	A RESIDENT of Pittsfield		N/A	N/A	4/17/2021	Roy	Matthews
496	993083	4/17/2021 16:17	67.246.2.110	Bridget	Mckeever	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	msbridgetrisley@aol.com	Stearns Elementary	Teacher/Educator	4/16/2021	Bridget	Mckeever
497	993085	4/17/2021 16:21	2600:1000:b15e:2a76:1499:9f99:af09:48d1	Brianna	Barrows	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	bbarrows@pittsfield.net	Egremont Elementary	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Brianna	Barrows
498	993089	4/17/2021 16:34	104.229.78.245	Bridget	Manarchik	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	bmanarchik@pittsfield.net	Pittsfield Adult Learning Center	School Secretary	4/17/2021	Bridget	Manarchik
499	993090	4/17/2021 16:56	174.245.116.169	Rachel	Alemany	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	ralemany43@gmail.com	Taconic High School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Rachel	Alemany
500	993094	4/17/2021 17:14	2603:7081:441:9900:b02a:83df:1fd4:89e5	Carrie	Cross	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	care1682@yahoo.com	Pittsfield High School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Carrie	Cross
501	993095	4/17/2021 17:32	2607:fb90:1786:863b:f8fa:6663:ed80:1d45	Diane	Gingras	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	dgingras@pittsfield.net	Capeless Elementary	Paraprofessional	4/16/2021	Diane	Gingras
502	993098	4/17/2021 17:48	72.228.3.181	Kamaree	Saldo	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	ksaldo@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/17/2021	Kamaree	Saldo
503	993103	4/17/2021 19:34	2600:1004:b04a:bbad:1c1b:8d70:dd13:c20b	Alan	Hubbard	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)		Stearns Elementary	Paraprofessional	4/17/2021	Alan	Hubbard
504	993105	4/17/2021 20:33	2603:7081:444:3ceb:14f5:27a0:b3dd:6025	Julie	Ouillette	A RESIDENT of Pittsfield		N/A	N/A	4/17/2021	Julie	Ouillette
505	993116	4/18/2021 8:46	67.246.2.44	Stephanie	Muller	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	smuller@pittsfield.net	Reid Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/18/2021	Stephanie	Muller
506	993125	4/18/2021 10:49	2603:7081:401:6a69:b831:2fc3:f220:c525	Michael	Burton	A RESIDENT of Pittsfield	madistrict11@gmail.com	N/A	N/A	4/18/2021	Michael	Burton
507	993126	4/18/2021 10:56	2600:1000:b12e:c53d:49e:a85f:7cde:a91e	Kristen	Negrini	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	kristennegrini@gmail.com	Pittsfield High School	Teacher/Educator	4/18/2021	Kristen	Negrini
508	993127	4/18/2021 10:57	24.194.75.30	Shannon	Sievers	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	ssievers@pittsfield.net	Allendale Elementary	Teacher/Educator	4/18/2021	Shannon	Sievers
509	993128	4/18/2021 11:01	2603:7081:400:f:7c57:c998:e40d:86c0	Andrea	Lancia	A RESIDENT of Pittsfield	Tjancia@nycap.rr.com	N/A	N/A	4/18/2021	Andrea	Lancia
510	993129	4/18/2021 11:03	2603:7081:400:f:7c57:c998:e40d:86c0	Anthony	Lancia	A RESIDENT of Pittsfield		N/A	N/A	4/18/2021	Anthony	Lancia
511	993253	4/19/2021 6:11	2603:7081:400:3232:98a5:c6f0:74aa:92e1	Daniel	Moore	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	dtmoore@pittsfield.net	N/A	N/A	4/19/2021	Daniel	Moore
512	993305	4/19/2021 14:39	2603:7081:53f:ff88:6d55:3d5b:4259:ea50	Brian	Desautels	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	71dezzy@gmail.com	Stearns Elementary	Custodian	7/19/2021	Brian	Desautels
513	993353	4/19/2021 15:09	96.88.113.170	Stephanie	Johnston	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	sjohnston@pittsfield.net	Morningside Community School	Paraprofessional	4/19/2021	Stephanie	Johnston
514	993355	4/19/2021 15:12	96.88.113.170	Chester	Johnston	A RESIDENT of Pittsfield	chetjohnstonbuilders@gmail.com	N/A	N/A	4/19/2020	Chester	Johnston
515	993394	4/19/2021 15:45	2603:7081:344:c600:a13c:3444:a2dd:752d	Eric	Ochs	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	eochs@pittsfield.net	Crosby Elementary	Custodian	4/19/2021	Eric	Ochs
516	993397	4/19/2021 15:50	67.246.11.121	Patricia	Morandi	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	pmorandi@pittsfield.net	Egremont Elementary	Paraprofessional	4/19/2021	Patricia	Morandi
517	993520	4/19/2021 20:55	74.67.217.57	Tyler	Ellsworth	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	tellsy4@yahoo.com	Stearns Elementary	RBT	4/19/2021	Tyler	Ellsworth
518	993527	4/19/2021 21:23	74.67.217.57	Catherine	Ellsworth	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	cellsy2@yahoo.com	Stearns Elementary	Paraprofessional	4/19/2021	Catherine	Ellsworth
519	993588	4/20/2021 8:32	161.77.39.114	Jason	Pemble	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	hoyshtooter28@yahoo.com	Morningside Community School	Custodian	4/20/2021	Jason	Pemble
520	993589	4/20/2021 8:33	161.77.39.114	Jason	Pemble	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	hoyshtooter28@yahoo.com	Morningside Community School	Custodian	4/20/2021	Jason	Pemble
521	993649	4/20/2021 15:19	2603:7081:33d:6d02:b937:615a:a2d5:6be3	Danielle	Mack	A RESIDENT and EMPLOYEE of the PPS	danipmack@gmail.com	Herberg Middle School	Teacher/Educator	4/20/2021	Danielle	Mack
522	993752	4/20/2021 20:09	74.67.115.87	Linda	Farrell	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	mfarmikm@aol.com	Conte Community School	Paraprofessional	4/20/2021	Linda	Farrell
523	993872	4/21/2021 16:03	2600:387:5:80d::39	Arthur	Yeh	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)		Herberg Middle School	Custodian	4/21/2021	Arthur	Yeh
524	994503	4/23/2021 19:02	2600:387:5:805::7a	Timothy	Drury	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)		Taconic High School	Custodian	4/23/2021	Timothy	Drury
525	994504	4/26/2021 15:05	161.77.39.114	D'Juan	Black	An EMPLOYEE of the Pittsfield Public Schools (PPS)	djuanblack055@gmail.com	Pittsfield High School	Custodian	4/26/2021	D'Juan	Black