



4C's February Update

State Employee Unions Meet with Governor's Administration

SEBAC leaders met with Governor Rell's representatives in Hartford on January 28. Office of Policy and Management (OPM) Secretary Gennario informed the gathering that the current FY deficit is roughly \$500 million, half due to lower-than-anticipated sales tax revenue, and half due to lower-than-anticipated income tax revenue. The upcoming fiscal year deficit is estimated to be roughly \$700 million.

SEBAC was informed that a payment of \$100 million dollars due to the State Employee Retirement System (SERS) will be deferred, as per our concession agreement. No other concessions were requested or discussed.

SEBAC offered its assistance in identifying creative programs and policies that could increase government efficiency, save taxpayers' dollars, and help rebuild Connecticut's economy. The group shared its 18-point plan, "**Jobs for All Working Families.**" The entire plan and additional information is available at the [4C's website](#).

Negotiations on Merit Awards Continue

The 4C's/AFSCME/AFT coalition is negotiating with management concerning Merit Awards from last year and for this year. The unions want the awards given plus a new peer review component to the process (ala the Promotion and the Tenure contract committees), while the BOT is offering to use the Merit Award money to fund additional Professional Development. These dollars ARE available and are sitting in our contract accounts.

The Kleen Energy Plant Tragedy

The tragic accident at the Middletown power plant has claimed the lives of five workers; others are injured and some remain in the hospital. Our hearts go out to their families, friends, and co-workers.

SAVE THE DATE: March 13 Gubernatorial Forum

SEBAC has invited the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor to present their views to union members. As candidates confirm, information will be posted on the 4C's website. The event is slated for Saturday, March 13, 10 AM to 1 PM, at the UConn School of Social Work in West Hartford.

Member 2 Member Classifieds

This is a section of the 4C's website, where members can post classified ads and announcements for free! At this time of year, members often post information on vacation rentals. So if you're looking for a summer vacation spot or have one to rent, [check out this site](#).

4C's CALENDAR

Lincoln's Birthday
February 12

Presidents' Day
February 15

HCC Chapter Meeting
Feb. 16, 3:00 PM, Room A101 -LH

GWCC Chapter Meeting
Feb. 22, 1:00 PM, Business Ctr.

CCC Chapter Meeting
Feb. 23, 12:30 PM, Auditorium

NWCC Chapter Meeting
Feb. 24, 12:00 PM, ASB 209

MCC Chapter Meeting
Feb. 25, 3:45 PM, GP 155

TXCC Chapter Meeting
Feb. 25, 3:00 PM, Room 201

Delegate Assembly
Mar. 6, 10:30-12:30, 4C's Office