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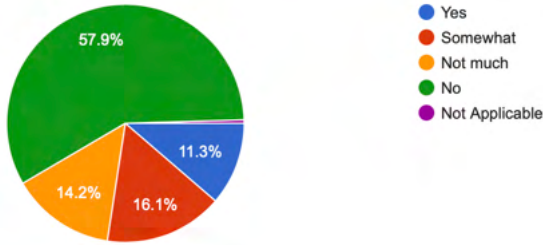
# ATF Action Agenda

## ELTP Survey Responses

Over 2,700 ATF members responded to our ELTP 2021 Survey, or about 2/3 of our membership. Your union will use the information gleaned from this survey to inform negotiations with APS and work toward a resolution that reflects the desires of as many ATF members as possible. Here's a snapshot from the survey:

I support the Extended Learning Time Program (ELTP).

2,698 responses

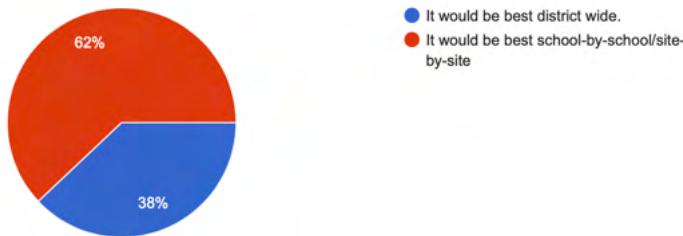


Members across levels were clear that they do not think districtwide ELTP is the right decision for this year. They cited exhaustion, burnout, and the need for a summer recess to revitalize their enthusiasm. Their feelings did not change when offered the additional pay, autonomy over PD or other factors.

ATF members were insistent that schools who wish to implement the ELTP should be allowed to do so, but a one-size-fits-all district-wide mandate would impact morale, workload, childcare needs of educators, and educators' willingness to stay in the profession.

Do you think ELTP is best implemented district-wide or school-by-school/site-by-site?

2,631 responses



Members asserted that the state's money would be better spent providing supports to students by hiring more counselors, social workers, nurses, etc. and reducing class sizes. They called for a focus on building parent and community engagement, raising pay, and encouraging student-centered learning and SEL among other ideas on how to support students.

Thank you to all ATF members who took the time out of your hectic schedules to help inform our negotiations with the district. **You** are the union.

### Attention First Grade Teachers

First grade educators are expected to complete dozens of hours of paid LETRS professional development over the next year and a half. We are hearing from many 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers that this is a heavy load to bear at the end of a year in which you had to adapt your teaching to remote learning strategies and then turn on a dime to return to in-person learning while still managing a remote contingent of students.

Honestly, we can't stop this from happening this year, but we can gather information to advocate for possible changes in the future.

We want to hear about your experiences; what you think is good and what you find concerning. We want to hear how this mandate is affecting you as a teacher and how it is affecting or will affect all students, especially populations like ELs and bilingual students.

STAY TUNED! Survey Coming Soon!

### Negotiations Update

ATF began negotiations with APS this spring and we will be working through the summer to make agreements governing your working conditions in the 2021-22 School Year. We will keep you updated. If you wish to receive emails at an address that is not your APS email, [click here to tell us how to reach you over the summer.](#)

### Calling All Mentors!

Level 2 & 3 Educators: We need YOU! Looking for general and special education applicants to offer support and practical advice to first-year teachers.

- Share your expertise
  - Receive a \$2,000 stipend
  - New Essential and Related Services Educators (E&RSE) will have access to mentors from their role groups
  - Help a new educator start their career off right
- Interested? Contact Michelle in the Mentor Program Office at (505)253-0335 or email [mentorprogram@aps.edu](mailto:mentorprogram@aps.edu)

## Special Congressional Election Timeline

Your union supports candidates who are strong supporters of public education and workers' rights. The Special Election for Congressional District 1 is very important to both of those aims. American Federation of Teachers, our national union, has made their endorsement and you can [read about it on our website](#). Here's a timeline of this fast-paced election season:

### May 4

- Clerks begin [mailing absentee ballots](#) to voters who have requested them.
- Online and paper [voter registration](#) close.
- Absentee Voting Begins - Mail or hand deliver your completed absentee ballot.
- In-person absentee and Same Day Registration (SDR) at Clerk's Annex begins (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

### May 15-29: Early Voting and SDR expanded:

- Monday-Saturday, most locations open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- See Bernalillo County [Early Voting Sites here](#).
- Recommended final day for voter to mail absentee ballot is May 25th.

### June 1

- Election Day 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. See [Bernalillo County voting locations here](#).

**Volunteer to help ATF get out the vote! [Click here](#) or email [act@atfunion.org](mailto:act@atfunion.org).**

### Represent Your Union at Summer Conventions!

#### **AFTNM Convention**

- Thurs., June 10th, via Zoom.
- Our state union will elect a President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Send self-nominations to [act@atfunion.org](mailto:act@atfunion.org) by Friday, May 21st, at 5:00 pm or [use this link](#).

#### **New Mexico Federation of Labor AFL-CIO Biennial Convention**

- Saturday, June 26th via Zoom
- Send self-nominations to be a delegate for ATF to [this link](#) by Friday June 4, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

### "Trash the Bag!" Campaign

ATF is helping to promote New Mexico Child First Network's "Trash the Bag" campaign. Donate your old totes, duffles, and luggage to help children in foster care. No one should be using a trash bag for their clothing and personal items.

**Date: May 15<sup>th</sup>. Time: 10am-2 pm**  
 Location: New Mexico Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO  
 Parking lot (2300 Buena Vista Drive SE. 87106)  
**Drive up and Drop off!**

Stand With Your Colleagues To Create  
 World-Class Schools!  
**[JOIN YOUR UNION TODAY!](#)**

### Educator's Emporium Drop-off

Every summer, ATF collects materials from retiring and/or relocating educators to re-distribute to new educators as they shop through our Educators' Emporium at our New Teacher Orientation in August. We are glad to accept up-to-date, high-quality teaching materials like books, posters, and supplies. Please do not donate copies or materials that are outdated.

We have set up three collection dates for the summer: **May 26<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, and July 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you have questions about donating, please email them to [act@atfunion.org](mailto:act@atfunion.org).

## **Calendar of Events**

Date	Event	Time
Tues. 5/4	Fed Rep Council	4:15-6:30pm
Wed. 5/5	<a href="#">*Early In-Person Voting Begins</a>	7:00am
Sat. 5/15	ATF/AFT-NM Union Leadership Program Showcase	9am-2pm
Fri. 5/21	Last Day To Become AFT-NM Convention Delegate	5:00pm
Wed. 5/26	*Educator's Emporium Dropoff	10am-2pm
Sat. 5/29	*Early voting ends	7:00pm
Tues. 6/1	<a href="#">*Election Day 2020</a>	7am-7pm
Sat. 7/10	<a href="#">PDD Dossier Overview</a>	1:30-3:30pm

\*All events will be held online unless otherwise noted.

