

NEIUPI Update & Announcements

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Here is our current [STRIKE FAQ](#) for Members

Here is a [Student FAQ](#) that you can use to speak with your students *outside of class meeting times*

April 17, 2023

RALLY at EL CENTRO!!



HUGE thanks to all NEIUPI Members and Allies (especially our outstanding students) who showed up for our pre-Board of Trustees Rally. We had a phenomenal turnout! After an overwhelming vote in favor of authorizing a strike, we rallied around our community of faculty, staff, and students on the sidewalk and the streets as we sent a powerful signal to the Board of Trustees that we will not be divided!

Alongside our DJ and a chorus of faculty and student speakers, we listened and spoke about what NEIU means to us. We amplified NEIUPI's demand for improved working conditions, celebrated our collective power and headed up to the Board of Trustees meeting where a number of members bravely made compelling statements during Public Comment. The room was filled with green shirts and the meeting was an embodiment of our mobilization.

This movement is grabbing critical public attention as well!! We had

journalists from [Block Club](#), [Univisión](#), and [WBEZ](#) all present and reporting in real time. The [Chicago Tribune](#) interviewed Nancy Matthews during the BOT meeting and [WGLT \(Bloomington Public Radio\)](#) covered the rally in a larger context!

Our sister UPI Chapter at Governors State is continuing on strike right now, and the chapters at Eastern IL U and Chicago State have temporarily suspended their strikes while they consider tentative agreements. **Collective bargaining works, and Illinois is paying attention!**





Our visibility and our collective power created *pressure!* **The Administration has requested additional bargaining sessions and finally made a joint request for mediation after we filed the Intent to Strike.**

Now we must continue this work until we win a fair contract!

WHAT'S NEXT??

Students are our Allies and we must keep them informed!

We have THREE TEACH-INS scheduled this week, two with PIZZA!

Tuesday, April 18 3 pm in FA 202

Tuesday, April 18 7 pm on [UPI Union Zoom](#) (no virtual pizza, sorry)

Wednesday, April 19, 2 pm in SU 214

Share [this flier](#) with your students and invite them to attend one of these sessions!

[SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE TEACH-INS HERE!!](#)

Answer the MEMBER BARGAINING SURVEY sent Sunday night!!!

This survey will give the Bargaining Team critical information about your priorities as bargaining intensifies. We need your input!



NEIUPI has authorized a strike. We don't want to strike, but we will.

