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Business Agent Report



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Brothers and Sisters,

First and foremost I hope all of you and your families have stayed healthy and safe throughout this pandemic.

If there is any one thing that all of us have learned throughout this pandemic is how versatile we can become and how we can adapt to the many changes that have been brought upon us.

We should have also learned that by distancing ourselves from others when sick we can help ourselves and others to stop not just this virus but the many viruses, flu's and common colds that we face every year. We should always take in to account our own health and the health of others when we have sickness and stay at home until the sickness passes.

Now on to what has been going on in the local and my jurisdictional area.

We are now at a better point with regard to employment numbers than before the state went on pause. With that being said we still have too many members laid off and all of the business agents have been in regular contact with the superintendents and contractors to let them know that we have qualified members looking for work. We have also been trying to secure future work that is up and coming with the hopes it will secure future work for the membership.

We have been limited on being able to do job and shop visits and it may remain limited until the state goes back into full operational status but we will do our best. We have been checking in on jobs with calls to foreman as well as job stewards to address any issues that may be arising.

School work has started early due to the early closing of schools. Contractors have been able to get on site and begin demo and begin re-piping of mechanical systems throughout these schools. Equipment that was not planned until mid-summer has been pushed forward to help eliminate the usual final crunch time of end of summer and the start of the new school year. I do believe there will be more hiring as these jobs advance. There are 6 sizeable school renovations going on within my jurisdictional area that have members on site. Niagara Falls Schools, Grand Island Schools, Akron Schools, Amherst Schools, Royhart Schools, Williamsville Schools.

Not all job sites have opened back up to our members but here is a list of sites that have members on site or will soon open back up:

Kaleida maintenance, UB maintenance, Hood Dairy, Olin Niagara Falls, Unifrax, JWD fab and copper shop, D.V. Brown fab shop, O-at-ka, Green Pac, JWD CAD dpt. Is still working remotely, Medina Opera House, GM Lockport and Tonawanda Engine Plant, Fresinius Kabi, Dupont Yerkes, NF airbase, NF Aquarium, Lewiston Queenston Bridge, Niagara Falls Memorial, Niagara University, One world Café UB, FMC Middleport, NF Wastewater Treatment Plant.

