Hands Off the Boston School Bus Union 5!

Protest at Veolia's corporate offices during unfair, illegal disciplinary hearings:

1:30pm – 8pm (Come after work!), Monday, October 28, 35 Freeport Way, Dorchester



The "Boston School Bus Union 5" - Grievance Chair Steve Kirschbaum, Recording Secretary Andre François, Vice President Steve Gillis, Steward Garry Murchison & Steward Rick Lynch

Boston School Bus Drivers Union Local 8751 exemplifies what a labor union should be. Local 8751 has consistently waged a struggle for economic and social justice — one that includes but hasn't been limited to the safety of Boston's school children. The very existence and mission of the union is bound up with the struggle of African-American and other oppressed communities for equal education since the desegregation of Boston's schools by court-ordered busing in 1974.

Local 8751 was founded and built on rank-and-file militancy, winning union recognition and respect through its willingness to take action. Support this struggle like the largest school bus union in the US, NY city's Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1181-1061, who "stands 100% in solidarity with Local 8751."

Stand in solidarity with USW Local 8751, the Boston School Bus Drivers' Union, in its struggle to stop the union-busting corporation Veolia Transportation in its illegal attack on the union's members, leadership and contract.

Since day one of taking over the Boston school bus management contract on July 1, 2013, Veolia has committed numerous Unfair Labor Practices, violated nearly every term and condition of the drivers' employment contract, and engaged in actions designed to steal literally millions of dollars from drivers' paychecks. In the process, Veolia has sacrificed student safety on the altar of profit, among other things creating routes designed by GPS-based software that result in massive lateness to school and to home, and refusing to pay drivers for all their time worked.

On October 8th, when drivers engaged in a legally protected protest of Veolia's unfair labor practices, Veolia wrongly called the police and forcibly removed the drivers, illegally locking the gates and refusing to let the drivers back in to work. Boston Mayor Menino and Veolia then targeted 5 officers of Local 8751 for termination, whose disciplinary hearings are scheduled for Monday, October 28th.

Veolia has brought in officials and attorneys from Texas, LA, St Louis and even France to make the decisions against Local 8751. These are not Boston management but top level executive decisions.

STOP THE ATTACKS ON USW LOCAL 8751 • STOP UNION BUSTING AT VEOLIA

Contact: > Veolia General Manager Alex Roman III: 617-780-4840;

- > Mayor Thomas M. Menino: 617.635.4500, mayor@cityofboston.gov, Facsimile: 617.635.2851;
- > and **John McDonough**, Interim Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools: 617-635-9050, superintendent@bostonpublicschools.org, fax 617-635-9059.

Tell them "Honor the School Bus Drivers Contract! Hands off Local 8751 leaders!"

For more information, see the Team Solidarity facebook page at: tinyurl.com/d5tntcg.