



Mott's Workers Strike!

News from the RWDSU/UFCW Local 220 labor dispute in Williamson, New York

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On May 23, over 300 full-time manufacturing workers at the Mott's plant in Williamson, New York, were forced to strike after company executives demanded painful wage cuts while the company enjoyed a record year of \$555 million in profits. The members of RWDSU Local 220 remain committed to winning a strike and holding the line for all middle class jobs in the U.S.

The picket lines are only part of the fight. Mott's workers are spreading the word about their fight throughout North America, and this newsletter tells their story.

MASSIVE RALLY ON THE PICKET LINE DRAWS NATIONAL AND LOCAL POLITICIANS AND LABOR LEADERS (6/26/10)

On Saturday, June 26, nearly a thousand activists converged upon Williamson, New York, to rally in support of RWDSU Local 220 members as they continue their strike against corporate greed at Mott's. Mott's workers were joined by members and representatives from a number of unions, and elected officials who are concerned about the actions of Mott's and Dr Pepper Snapple in attempting to roll back



Local 220 President and striking Mott's worker Mike LeBerth said, "Many of us have worked for Mott's for more than 20 years and we used to be like family here, but even since Dr Pepper Snapple Group took over its been about one thing and one thing only: corporate greed! Our employer is tough, but if we stand together we can beat this giant greedy corporation and prove that New Yorkers deserve good jobs!"

"That's not fair, that's not right. That's not American," said Congressman Dan Maffei of the way Mott's is treating its workers.

"You are fighting for the ordinary American that goes to work every day, works hard and deserves a fair wage for it."

wages and benefits at the Mott's plant.

Labor leaders including NY State AFL-CIO President Denis Hughes, UFCW Executive Vice President Pat O'Neil (pictured left), and Workers United President Bruce Raynor spoke at the rally.





CUOMO CALLS UPON MOTT'S TO BARGAIN IN GOOD FAITH (6/28/10)

In a letter released today, New York Attorney General and Gubernatorial Candidate Andrew Cuomo calls upon Mott's and its owner, Dr Pepper Snapple, to "come back to the negotiating table, bargain in good faith and reach a fair

and equitable solution for the workers, company and state." "We are grateful for the support and strong public comments by Attorney General Cuomo," said RWDSU President Stuart Appelbaum.

NEW YORK BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES SUPPORTS RWDSU MOTT'S STRIKERS (6/29/10)

Striking Mott's workers have the strength of the 220,000 member New York State Building and Construction Trades Council behind them, according to a pair of letters from NYBCTC President Edward J. Malloy.

In a letter to RWDSU President Stuart Appelbaum, Malloy states that the NYS Building Trades is "proud to stand with the RWDSU in this fight for fairness."

In his letter to Dr Pepper Snapple CEO Larry Young, Malloy scolds the executive for attempting to "rake in the profits at the expense of labor."

"During these harsh economic times, a highly profitable company like Dr Pepper Snapple should be doing all it can to support and empower its workforce rather than undermine it by making unnecessary demands at the bargaining table," Malloy added, while pointing out that the NYS Building Trades will do all it can to support Mott's workers.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Publicize this struggle within your own union or organization. Check out our website at: mottworkers.org and download our leaflet.

Write or fax a letter to DPS President & CEO Larry Young at: 5301 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX 75024 or fax it to (972) 673-7976 (Please also fax a copy of your letter to the RWDSU at (212) 779-2809)

Contribute to the "RWDSU Mott's Hardship Fund" by sending your contribution to:

RWDSU/UFCW, 30 East 29th Street, New York, NY 10016

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