



# Amalgamated Transit Union

Local 1738

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Office of the President-Business Agent

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## Why do we pay Union dues

Too many times I have heard members say they are afraid to file a grievance or they go behind the Union's back and tell the company that they will not file a grievance only later to contact the Union claiming the company has done them wrong demanding action.

There are individuals who criticize the Union for not protecting them or spending her / his 96.6 cents a day in Union dues at our First Student and Town and Country facilities, or the one dollar and twenty-three cents a day at our Edenfield facility the way they feel it should be spent.

Any Union no matter which one is only as strong as its members allow it to be. There is a small group that would like to see the Union fail. You can have the best of the best in charge but if the members choose they can drag the leadership as well as the Union down. If the membership as a whole allow these individuals continue we will all become beggars of our own demise.

The veteran bargaining unit members know what it was like prior to the ATU coming to Latrobe and what it would be like with the protection of the Union now that First Student has taken control. It takes your dues money to take on the companies our members work for.

The wages and benefits that are taken home by the membership were negotiated by the Union. The company does not give these items to us out of the goodness of their hearts the Union had to not only fight to get them but we have to fight to keep them.

Support your Union

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