

# Yes We Can!

School Cafeteria Employees **Local 634** has restored its standing as an independent Local Union affiliated with the national cafeteria workers union, **UNITE HERE**.

**Local 634** has left the Philadelphia Joint Board.

## New Contract Settled

**W**e are proud to announce that **Local 634** and the District have signed a new 1-year contract, which includes a 3% raise for all employees effective on May 1, 2009.

Last year, the Joint Board rejected a proposal similar to this. After **Local 634**

became independent of the Joint Board, we were able to complete the contract quickly. **Local 634** is also actively bargaining the FIP arbitration that could produce a payout for all qualified food service workers.

But our work is not done! We still need to work with all the other School District unions to bargain a new contract in 2009. Ask your steward for a copy of the petition to keep us "United for a Strong Contract," and help us circulate it in your school.



*Ms. Doris Smith, President of Local 634*

Unfortunately, the Joint Board continues to try to distract us by sending unauthorized people into our schools. **Your Union is LOCAL 634**. Please ask anyone claiming to be a Rep to show you their School District ID so you know they are who they say they are.

On March 6, the elected leaders of **Local 634** voted to leave the Philadelphia Joint Board, to stay a strong independent union affiliated with **UNITE HERE**.

**UNITE HERE's** 450,000 members include over 75,000 food service workers all over the country, including in the school districts of Chicago, Philadelphia, and schools in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, & Rhode Island.

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