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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Wishing you a relaxing Spring Break! Enjoy the extra snow day give back on April 1st. When I find out about the other 2 Snow days, I will relay the information.

I would like to acknowledge and give a special thanks to Nick Miller for taking on the PAC Committee Chair position. Thank you to Lindsay Wylie for assisting Nick with the transition and to each member that has volunteered to serve on the committee this year. The committee will be meeting on April 4th to gameplan. If anyone has any questions, please contact Nick. Furthermore, when phone banking occurs we need ALL hands on deck. As the proverb goes, “many hands make light work.” If each member makes 10 phone calls, we will be able to complete our lists quickly. The process is simple and scripted. Most individuals do not pick up and most members leave voice messages on answering machines. More specific information will be provided about phone banking in the near future. Moreover, summer school applications are out. Please submit your application asap.

Dental/Vision: The trustees met recently and reviewed other plans to compare and see if we can improve our current model. At this time, our model provides much more than the other companies we compared. Per the PJTA Constitution, this evaluation will happen every 4 years.

Reminder PTJA Annual Raffle: The Work Week Raffle tickets are available. 1 ticket= \$10.00 with 30 chances to win! 3 tickets will be drawn for 10 work days from April 8 through April 19th. Prizes: 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$50, 3rd-\$25. Please consider buying or selling tickets to benefit the PTJA Scholarship Fund.

Retirement Party: June 21st at the Trackside from 5-9. People can attend the Tiki right after school but there will be no food and a cash bar.

In closing, as always, if anyone has any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

In solidarity,

Joe Becker
PJTA President

Upcoming Meetings:

- PTJA: **4/15 @ 3:45 pm** in the HS library or attend virtually. President Joe Becker will send out a link prior to each meeting.
- Board of Education: **4/18 @ 7:00 pm** in the HS Cafeteria

Correspondence:

Condolence cards sent to:

Kathryn Helms- on the passing of her father and former PJTA member, John Kurtick

Danielle Trochiano- on the passing of her grandmother, Jane Drake.

Amy Hoverstock- on the passing of her father, Richard Hoverstock



Cards received:

We received a card from the Helms and Loughney families thanking PJTA for the donation to the scholarship fund in memory of John Kurtick.

NYSUT News:

NYSUT's strength as well as its pride is in the diversity of its membership. That is why the union is proud to offer a wide array of programs, services and information that address its members' unique interests and issues.

Member Programs, Services, and Information:

- [Student Debt Webinar](#)
- [Travel Assistance Services](#)
- [Calm Service](#)
- [Certification Webinars](#)
- [Educator Tax Deduction](#)

NYSTRS Retirement Information:

Thinking About Retirement?

Retirement is a significant life event. Be sure to do the homework necessary to make informed decisions by reviewing publications, web pages, and videos early in the process.

- [Countdown to Retirement](#)
- [Retirement Countdown Video Series](#)
- [Retirement Planning FAQs](#)
- [NYSTRS Retirement Checklist](#)
- [Benefits Consultation](#)

If you are planning to retire at the end of this school year, you should schedule a benefits consultation now via [MyNYSTRS](#) or by calling (800) 348-7298, Ext. 6100. See the [Benefits Consultations](#) page at NYSTRS.org for more details.

You may also calculate your pension estimates with the MyNYSTRS Pension Estimator in your My Retirement tab in your MyNYSTRS account.

NYS office of Mental Health

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Call or text 988 (Suicide & Crisis Lifeline)

Or

Text "GOT5" to 741-741