



Officers

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Happenings April 2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Per the recent B.O.E meeting, we have the following revisions to our schedule:

- **May 17: No School** (give back snow day)
- **May 24: District Closed** (give back snow day)
- **June 7: No School** (give back snow day). The elementary ½ day originally scheduled for this day will be switched to June 14th
- **June 14:** ½ day for elementary students (rescheduled from June 7)
- **June 20:** ½ day: MS dismiss at 11:00 am/ Elementary at 12:00 noon

If anyone has any questions, please ask me and I'll explain it to you.

PJTA recognized by PPS: In a recent meeting with PJTA and PPS, they shared how appreciative they are with how our members have been doing great things for our district. They mentioned annual review meetings have been excellent, adjustments to procedures and protocols have been smooth, and the amount of members who have been putting in extra time as volunteers for events has been noticed. Overall, PPS truly appreciates all we have done.

Home Instruction Procedures/Protocols Update: Some administrators have shared the updated information and some have not so I wanted to make sure everyone sees it. Please see the attachment. PJTA worked with PPS on creating a home instruction procedures and expectations document. Although there may be some hiccups in the road, we felt it was

important to have documentation on procedures and expectations. Again, if you have any questions, please let PJTA know.

Phone Banking: The P.A.C Committee will conduct B.O.E interviews on 5/2 and 5/6. Phone Banking will follow and needs to be completed prior to the 5/21 budget vote and board election. We truly need every union member to help complete phone banking. Please reach out to Nick Miller with questions as well as to let him know that you will assist with phone banking this year.

Mandated Reporter Training: Here are Instructions from NYSED for submitting the certificate of completion of the Mandated Reporter Training. This information was also shared to your pjschools.org email account.

- Where is the documentation submitted? The certificate of completion should be sent one of the following three ways:
 1. Sent to Teach by the Approved Provider
 2. The Certificate of Completion given to you by the Approved Provider can be emailed workshopsoti@nysed.gov
 3. The Certificate of Completion given to you by the Approved Provider can be uploaded and sent in using the link: <https://nysedsupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>
- *For further information regarding the history of this requirement, please see the Office of Professions website:*
<https://www.op.nysed.gov/about/training-continuing-education/mandated-training-related-child-abuse>

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. Please RSVP by June 6th using the [attached form](#) and send \$55.00 to Lindsay Wylie.

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: **5/20 @ 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: **5/7 @ 7:00 pm** in the HS Cafeteria: *Public Budget Hearing with Q & A/Board Meeting*
- Board of Education: **5/22 @ 7:00 pm** in the HS Cafeteria: Canvass of the Vote/Board Meeting



Correspondence:

Cards sent:

Ed Moore- on the birth of his daughter, Eliana.
Edward Moran & Family- on the loss of Bess Moran, former PJTA employee
Brynn Alles- on the loss of her father in law, Gary Alles.
Cards were sent to all tenure recipients congratulating them.
Cards & gift cards were sent to all 35 district secretaries for Administrative Professionals day on 4/24.

Cards received:

Thank you cards for Admin Prof. Day:
Jeanne Wilkowski
Maryann Hull
Jackie Smith
Tammy Mackin
Nathalie Perry

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.

NYSUT statement on the FY 2025 state budget

Member Programs, Services, and Information:

- [Member Guide](#)
- [Political Action](#)
- [Program Services](#)
- [Member Benefits](#)

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

Youth Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business

Call or text 988 (Suicide & Crisis Lifeline)

Or

Text “GOT5” to 741-741