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Happenings June 2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to give a final shout out and round of applause to our retirees Rick Graham, Elke Oconnell, and Peg Roda. We thank you for your years of service and dedication to the Port Jervis School district. Moreover, I also want to mention that Lori Esposito is leaving at the end of the school year to head for Florida. Lori has been a valuable member of the HS Math department and we appreciate all that she has done for our

district. Furthermore, next year, we will be hosting sign-ups for the Board of Education meetings. The final stats on who signed up are the following:

- Overall 112/253 members (44%):
 - HS- 19/77 (25%)
 - MS- 21/44 (48%)
 - ASK- 36/77 (47%)
 - HBE- 36/55 (65%)

We appreciate those of you who have signed up and attended the meetings. We are hoping to increase participation next year. PJTA is recognized for attending these meetings and it is important to continue to show our faces at such events.

Sick Day Incentive: The incentive will be paid in the first pay period of July. Last time the district office brought up the success of this program, they mentioned there were still quite a bit of members in line for some money from the incentive.

PJTA Dental/Vision Trustee positions: There were two spots open and the executive team selected Carol Brown and Jenny McElroy to continue to serve as trustees. I appreciate those who showed interest in being a part of this.

Mentor Committee: Tori Becker has been selected to serve as our new chair of the Mentor Committee, replacing Rick Graham. Again, thank you to those who showed interest.

APPR update: The committee met with the district and PJAP and the current model will remain.

End-of-the Year Party: We had a fantastic time. Thank you to those who attended and thank you to Lindsay Wylie for planning a great event!

Final Reminders:

*Remember to inform the Fund Office of any "changes in status." This includes, but is not limited to marriage, divorce, change of address, and COLLEGE GRADUATION. Please note when your request for a change of coverage is received, you will be sent the appropriate form(s) to be returned. Coverage will not begin until all forms have been received.

Please check your email to see the attached reminder from Jessica Ellsworth regarding the Mandated Reporter Training that is due to be completed by April 2025. This is required for all certified and licensed school professionals.

In closing I want to wish everyone a great summer. It feels like we are all crawling to the finish line, especially with this heat, but we are almost there. As always, if you need anything from PJTA, don't hesitate to reach out.

In solidarity,
Joe Becker
PJTA President

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board of Education Summer Meeting dates @ 7:00 pm in HS Cafeteria:
 - July 9: Reorganizational Meeting/Election of Board Officers
 - Wednesday, August 7: Board Meeting
 - August 20: Board Meeting/Adoption of Tax Warrant

Correspondence:

Cards sent:

Nicholas Miller- on the loss of his grandfather, Vincent Galligan



NYSUT News:

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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.

- [Your Blueprint for a Successful Retirement: An online planning guide](#)

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