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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

We're almost at the finish line! The hot summer weather has finally arrived. The latest forecast shows temperatures rising significantly with highs reaching the mid-90s from Monday through Wednesday. With the rising temperatures and much to do, June can be an overwhelming time filled with proctoring, grading, meetings, ceremonies, graduations, packing, cleaning, and so much more. Let's stay cool and calm as summer break

starts in one week! More importantly, I would like to give a final shout-out and round of applause to our retirees: Janine Chase, Diane Bloodgood, Diana Gabel, Heather Robinson, Mark Trotta, and Maria Smith. We thank you for your years of service and dedication to the Port Jervis School District. Personally, seeing your faces over the past couple of weeks has truly brought a smile to mine. I can only imagine the excitement and anticipation you're feeling as retirement and your future plans draw near.

Moreover, thank you to everyone who donated to the National Night Out. Maura Brady-Wilson has done a great job organizing and collecting donations from the entire district for the event. The Police Department will be picking up all donations today. Due to our generosity, the children of Port Jervis will have multiple opportunities to win some amazing gifts at the National Night Out celebration this summer.

Equally important, please prioritize voting on the amendments and executive stipends by today. The ballots were sent to your personal email and some may need to search in your spam folder. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Ross.

Tonight, I am looking forward to the End of Year Party and appreciate all the efforts by Lindsay Wylie for organizing this great event. While participation is low this year, we have acknowledged June is a tough time with so many other events happening. As a result, there will be a survey coming out from Lindsay trying to look for ways to increase participation for future EOY parties.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for ALL you do for our students of Port Jervis. We truly have an unbelievable group of professionals who go above and beyond for our children. I hope everyone enjoys their summer and spends lots of time doing the things you enjoy!

If anyone needs anything over the summer, please reach out to me or one of the executives as the job goes on and we are always there for you.

In solidarity,
Joe Becker
PJTA President

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board of Education Summer Meeting dates @ 7:00 pm in HS Cafeteria:
 - July 8: Reorganizational Meeting/Election of Board Officers
 - August 19: Board Meeting/Adoption of Tax Warrant

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.

Voters Back Public Education

NYSUT Marks Big Wins in 2025-2026 Enacted State Budget

Member Programs, Services, and Information:

- [Member Guide](#)
- [Program Services](#)
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- [Professional Development](#)

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.

- [Your Blueprint for a Successful Retirement: An Online Planning /Guide](#)

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.