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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

We're almost at the finish line! This serves as our last Happenings of the school year. I would like to send best wishes to not just our retirees but also to those who are leaving us to work at other districts. Many have been here for a long time, and you will be missed.

On June 23, we will host our second annual Will Signing Day. We currently have between 35 and 40 members signed up to participate, in addition to the group that took advantage of this opportunity last year. I know several members have expressed interest in starting the process. When sign-up information is released next year, be sure to register, and we'll help get everything set up for you.

Thank you to all committee members, chairs, trustees, building reps, head building reps, volunteers, the executives, and everyone who helps keep PJTA rolling strong. 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. 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.

I hope everyone has a great and relaxing summer. PJTA will be on duty all summer long, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

In solidarity,

Joe Becker
PJTA President

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board of Education Summer Meeting dates @ 7:00 pm at Pike Street
 - July 7: Reorganizational Meeting/Election of Board Officers
 - August 18: Board Meeting/Adoption of Tax Warrant/ Presentation: Curriculum & Instruction Annual Report

Correspondence:

Cards sent:

Card sent to Ruthann Gordon on the birth of her daughter, Josephine Theodosia Gordon

Card sent to Donna Harkins on the passing of her mother-in-law, Gladys Harkins

Card sent to Erica Gibbs on the loss of her grandmother

Cards recieved:

Thank you card from Maryann Hull

Thank you note from Delila Kronimus for the scholarship she was awarded.



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.

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Member Programs, Services, and Information:

- [Member Guide](#)

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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.