President’s Message

Hard to believe the year of 2007 is already over and 2008 is now underway. 2008 got off to a toasty start as the temperature approached 60°F. But it is after all January and it appears snow flurries are soon to be coming-not to mention the usual forecast of state assessments, midterms, report cards, budgets, etc.. Even the Presidential primaries seem to be coming early this year. NY-SUT’s political action arm, VOTE COPE, will begin to pick up legislative steam as we approach the November 2008 Presidential Election. Whether you are Republican or Democrat make sure your voice is heard and vote in the NY State Presidential primary on Tuesday, November 5th.

On a more local level recent lawsuits by school districts and private citizens against the Fair Plan (Monroe County cutting its share of sales tax revenue with school districts by 50%) have lost the opening round with appeals upcoming. However, Wayne County schools will continue to share Wayne County sales tax revenues as in the past after a motion to eliminate this sharing agreement, that was put forth in the December 18th Board of Supervisors meeting, failed to receive a motion to second and was thereby defeated.

Income Tax filing season is also approaching. The $250 Educator Tax Deduction is once again available for the 2007 tax year. For those of you who itemize your deductions remember to include expenses like professional magazines, tests needed for certification, coaching expenses including mileage, and other qualified expenses. If you were a member of the WTA for the entire 2007 school year you also paid $609.57 in union dues. To verify what you paid in union dues look at your last paycheck of 2007 dated 12/21/2007 and check the deduction section (Calendar Year to Date) and the category of DUES. Please be aware of penalties for false claims and if you have any specific tax questions consult your tax advisor or visit the IRS website.

Happy filing,
Jason Carter

Wayne Central Education Foundation

Purpose: To provide financial support for the educational, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and programs, as well as buildings and grounds projects of the Wayne Central School District.

Funds raised by the Foundation are used primarily to:
1. Supplement the funding of programs and projects that are already supported by public financing at a basic level, but which can be substantially improved and enhanced by additional private sector funding, and
2. Finance new programs and projects that fall beyond the scope of the annual district budget and that could not be initiated without supplemental financing. Preferences will be given to those programs and projects that benefit the broadest spectrum of the student body and community at large.

This has the potential to become a substantial and direct benefit for each and every one of us so please consider giving back today-through payroll deduction. The form can be found on page 2 of Wayne’s World. I’d call that—money in the bank!
3rd Thursday: January 17th—Seniority list review.

Issues acted upon/resolved:
- Actively lobbied thru the Wayne County Educator’s Coalition to help keep the 1% sales tax for schools in Wayne co.

Issues currently being explored:
- Concerns regarding pre-determined goals on summatives.
- Salary rounding.
- Monitoring implementation of law changes regarding tenure process.

Rule of thumb #45: “there are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.” (Edith Warton)

Dates to Remember:
March—Seniority concerns due to HR

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What’s New at our TRC

Have you stopped by the TRC lately? We have some recent additions in our library for loan. Come on over and check out a book or two! (MS Rm 1A)

New additions to our library:
- A Framework for Understanding Poverty (Paperback) by Ruby K. Payne
- Bridges Out of Poverty by Philip DeVol; Terie Dreussi Smith Ruby K. Payne
- Discipline Strategies for the Classroom; Working with Students by Ruby K. Payne
- 1001 Great Ideas for Teaching and Raising Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders by Veronica Zysk and Ellen Notbohm
- Overcoming Dyslexia: A New and Complete Science-Based Program for Reading Problems at Any Level by Sally Md Shaywitz
- Catch a Falling Reader: A Daily Guide for Teachers & Parents by Dr. Connie R. Hebert
- The New Social Story Book: Illustrated Edition by Carol Gray
- My Social Stories Book by Carol Gray
- Incredible 5-Point Scale Assisting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Understanding Social Interactions and Controlling Their Emotional Responses by Kari Buron Dunn, Mitzi Curtis, and Kari Dunn Buron
- Social Skills Training for Children and Adolescents with Asperger Syndrome and Social-Communications Problems by Jed E. Baker
- Power Cards: Using Special Interests to Motivate Children and Youth with Asperger Syndrome and Autism by Elisa Gagnon
- Easy Activities for Building Social Skills: Dozens of Effective Class-

WCSD EDUCATION FOUNDATION PAYROLL DEDUCTION FORM

I authorize the Wayne Central School District to deduct $___________(amount)
from _____ paycheck(s) as my contribution to the Wayne Central Education Foundation.

This contribution will begin with the next available pay period.

Signature _____________________________________________ Date ______________
Please Print Full Name ________________________________________________

Return completed form to WCSD Main Office

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES...
It's a New Year!
The perfect time to review your life insurance needs!

Have you considered what you will do when your term life insurance decreases or expires?

The NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed WrapPlan® Term Life Insurance Coordination Plan may be the solution. The WrapPlan can be designed to meet your specific goals and those of your loved ones. If you are between the ages of 45—65, now is the time to think about the amount of insurance protection you will need to meet your financial goals after retirement. The WrapPlan can provide funds for estate taxes and financial peace of mind for your family.

Younger members should consider the fact that insurance premiums are age-rated. You may save a considerable amount of money by purchasing the WrapPlan now when premiums are most affordable. The WrapPlan offers you the opportunity to increase your coverage amount at a later date as your salary and/or needs dictate.

The WrapPlan includes: Terminal Illness Provision, Disability Waiver, Portability, Guaranteed Interest Rate, Convenient Payment Options including payroll deduction (where available), pension deduction and individual billing. In-Service members may qualify for Guarantee issue coverage up to $100,000 with no medical exams or blood tests required. Higher coverage amounts are also available as well as spouse coverage and a level life insurance benefit for certified domestic partners. (This is a brief description of the benefits, features, and underwriting aspects of the WrapPlan. Please return the tear-off section below or call the toll-free number to obtain complete information on the features & benefits and to see if the WrapPlan may fit into your insurance portfolio).

The Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company’s WrapPlan is a NYSUT Member Benefits Trust (Member Benefits)-endorsed program. Member Benefits has an expense reimbursement/endorsement arrangement of 8.5% of first-year premium and 0.195% of renewal premium, with a guaranteed annual minimum amount of $100,000 for this program. All such payments to Member Benefits are used solely to defray the costs of administering its various programs and, where appropriate, to enhance them. Member Benefits acts as your advocate; please contact Member Benefits at (800) 626-8101 if you experience a problem with any endorsed program. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed programs. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed programs.

New Year’s Resolutions

- Spend more time with family & friends
- Quit smoking
- Eat healthier
- Learn something new
- Exercise regularly
- Help others

WrapPlan Term Life Insurance Coordination Plan

Name: ____________________________  DOB: __________________________

Address: ____________________________  City: ____________________________  State: _______  Zip: _______

Home Phone: (_____) ___________  Work Phone: (_____) ___________  E-mail: ____________________________

Employer: ____________________________  Work Hours: ___________  Best time to call: ___________

Current Term Life Insurance Amount: $________

Type of coverage: ☐ NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed  ☐ Employer  ☐ Benefit Fund  ☐ Other: ____________________________

Please mail to: USI Affinity, Administrator P.O. Box 505, Matawan, NJ 07747 or, if you prefer, call toll-free at 1-866-NYSUT-WP (1-866-697-8897) ext. 5308 to speak with a licensed representative.