A Message from the President

It is rapidly approaching the end of the school year and it is amazing how quickly things go by. I know things are busy for everyone, but I have a few things to catch you up on.

Contract: Our negotiation team is working hard on getting our next contract ready. If I had to make a best guess it is probably unlikely that a contract will be ready to be voted on by the end of this school year. The team is making progress, but in order to give a proper amount of time for you to review and vote, a completed contract would need to be ready by early June at the latest to still vote this school year. It is possible that they have the contract finished in June, but we would end up not being able to vote until when we come back in September. Either way, we will have another district wide meeting sometime in June, either to present a new potential contract to you or to give you an update as to where we are in the process and next steps.

APPR: The Board of Regents just voted and adopted emergency APPR regulations that set the course for future APPR documents, but undermine everything we agreed to with the state. NYSUT President Iannuzzi sums it up stating, "The amendments approved by the Board of Regents (May 16th) ignore sound educational research; reject significant portions of a year's work by a Task Force consisting of practitioners from every stakeholder group; seek to circumvent local collective bargaining; and attempt to create regulations contrary to the language and intent of the existing law."

The WTA will continue to monitor this ever changing situation, as eventually it will need to be negotiated into our next contact.

Sincerely,
Jason Carter

Our building negotiators are working very hard to create a contract that will meet the needs of our WTA Family. Please continue to support them and provided them with positive feedback and comments to help us all gain the most from their hard work, and our new contract! Remember United We Lead!
New NYSUT ED 6 Director elected

We are part of the NYSUT Election District 6 and at the 2011 NYSUT RA, our new district director was elected. Michael Herlan from Marion Teachers Association was elected on Friday, April 7 at the NYSUT RA as our new director. It is outstanding to have someone from Wayne County in such a high position. ED 6 represents over 50 locals in the Greater Rochester Area.

Pictured to the right are former NYSUT president Tom Hobart and newly elected NYSUT Region 6 director Michael Herlan.

Iannuzzi Elected to Third Term as NYSUT President

NEW YORK, April 9, 2011 — Richard C. Iannuzzi (pictured to left) was elected Saturday to his third term as president of New York State United Teachers. Iannuzzi’s election capped off a full slate of NYSUT incumbents who were returned to their respective offices during the union’s 39th Representative Assembly: NYSUT Executive Vice President Andrew Pallotta of New York City, Vice Presidents Maria Neira of New York City and Kathleen Donahue of Hilton and Secretary-Treasurer Lee Cutler of Newburgh. All terms are for three years.

WTA Conducts Annual Budget Vote Food Drive

The WTA once again conducted their annual budget vote food drive. Donations were collected from the community and WTA members to help support or local town food pantries.

The Wayne Central School District budget has passed.

642 community members voted yes
266 community members voted no
Help Needed
If you have any ideas for a WTA Fund Raiser please let Barb Thiele or Kim Schultz know. We need to add to our Scholarship Fund and our Weisenreder Fund. These are the programs that WTA supports and donates to. Without funds, we will be unable to be as supportive as we need to be.

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Congratulations!
To our very own Beth Peters
Beth received the NYSUT Health Care Professional of the Year Award.

On 5/11 at OE had a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new playground.

On Friday, April 8th, Lisa Martone welcomed her new healthy baby boy, George Anthony Martone. George weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. and is 22 inches long. Lisa and George are both home and doing well. Congratulations Lisa!

On Sunday April 24th at 11:21 a.m. the Easter Bunny delivered a healthy baby boy to the middle schools Erin Lincoln. Erin and her husband named their new son John Murphy Lincoln, who weighed in at 7lbs. 1 oz and is 19”!

OP Principal Bob LaRuche is honored as the 2011 Elementary Administrator of the year for The New York Library Association School Library Division.

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Volume 1 Issue 7
What’s New from NYSUT?

Educator’s Voice is NYSUT’s Journal of Best Practices in Education — a series dedicated to highlighting research-based classroom and school/district-wide strategies that make a difference in student achievement. The theme for our next volume, published in spring 2012, is Assessment. Teachers use a variety of ways of assessing what students have learned. In this volume, NYSUT seeks descriptions of effective assessment practices that are used to inform instruction. Authors must be active or retired members of NYSUT or an affiliate (e.g., United University Professions, Professional Staff Congress). If there are multiple authors, at least one author must be a current or retired NYSUT member. The Editorial Board encourages articles by individual authors, teams of teachers, and higher education faculty working with teachers in P-12 schools. **Audience:** Classroom teachers, school-related professionals, union leaders, parents, administrators, higher education faculty, researchers, legislators and policymakers.

- **Deadline for proposals:** June 10, 2011.
- **Article length:** Approximately 2,000 words (or 7-8 double-spaced pages plus References).
- **Writing style:** Authors are encouraged to write in a direct style designed to be helpful to both practitioners and to others committed to strengthening education. Education terms (i.e., jargon) should be defined for a broad audience.
- **Manuscript:** American Psychological Association (APA) style with references at end of article.
  (Graphics/photographs may be submitted—with permissions as necessary. Please do not submit copyrighted material unless you obtain permission from the publisher.)
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NYSUT on Teacher Evaluation

**Background**

In a move that contradicts state law, the state Board of Regents has adopted regulations that would allow student performance on a single state test to account for 40 percent of a teacher’s annual evaluation. This action ignores the recommendations of the Regents’ own task force; it ignores best practice documented by nationally recognized researchers; and it contradicts the state’s recently passed law on teacher/principal evaluations. Fortunately, since the law requires that the process for teacher evaluations must be negotiated locally through collective bargaining, educators can continue to make the case for educationally sound evaluation procedures. NYSUT encourages members to share with parents and other community members these points about teacher evaluations.

**Where NYSUT Stands**

- The state Board of Regents’ decision is a significant set back for education reform and innovation in New York state.
- The Regents action reneges on legislation agreed to and passed a year ago under which test scores would account for 20 percent of a teacher’s evaluation. The Regents are obligated to create regulations consistent with the law.
- To allow the districts the opportunity to double the value of a questionable state exam, and then apply it to a purpose to which it was never designed, defies all logic.
- The Regents decision ignores sound educational research as well as the critically important input from practitioners and nationally respected education experts such as Stanford University Education Professor Linda Darling Hammond. It also disregards a significant portion of work - conducted by a task force of practitioners from a wide range of stakeholder groups - on improving teacher quality.
- NYSUT and the State Education Department spent countless hours working collaboratively to achieve New York State’s Race to the Top Grant. As a result, the state was poised to take the lead on implementing a thoughtful and comprehensive evaluation system that ensured every child had access to an effective teacher and that every school was administered by an effective principal.
- The Board of Regents action threatens to undermine that promising work by putting political expedience ahead of what's right for students and educators.
Wayne CSD presents: Wheels for Weisenreder

Ride your bicycle around Wayne CSD to help support families in our district!

The large loop is 16 miles.
The small loop is 5 miles.

1. Sign up with Nicole Favreau (see above).
2. Indicate if you’d like to do the large or small loop.
3. Collect donations (either per mile or for completion of a loop) - until the day of the ride. (Cash or checks made payable to: WTA Weisenreder Fund).
4. Break out your spandex!! Bring your bike and donations the day of the ride.
5. Enjoy the ride and feel good knowing you’re doing something healthy for yourself and helpful to others!

Contact person:
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nfavreau@wayne.k12.ny.us
Health Teacher
James A. Beneway High School

Saturday, 6/4
Rain Date: 6/11
Time: 10:00
Start & Finish at high school

Open to ALL Wayne faculty & staff

Sign up by: Wed., June 1, 2011