President’s Message

This month kicks off our VOTE COPE drive. Please consider signing up for payroll deduction and donating a $1 per paycheck. I could list thousands of reasons why it is so important. In the section below is one from our building reps, Cathy Crable, at FE that clearly captures one way VOTE COPE is actively working for you.

Regardless of whether you are in your career VOTE COPE works for you. Even after you retiree and are no longer teaching. VOTE COPE has fought to get cost of living increase for retirees.

Photo: WTA receives the Abel Blattman VOTE COPE award from NYSUT

Do you want your summative reports released to the public?
Would you like parents reading your evaluations?
If teachers are rated and ranked by New York State, would you like those rankings and ratings released to the public?

This is something which may be happening! Right now there is legislation regarding making private evaluations and files such as these available to the public.

What can be done? Blocking the legislation through Political Action Committees and support legislation backed by NYSUT that protects teacher privacy.

How are the committees financed? Through VOTE-COPE.

Next Steps: If you already donate through payroll deduction-NOTHING. YOU ARE ALL SET! If you have donated in the past by check, or have not contributed to VOTE-COPE, you will be receiving some information as well as a visit from your building rep.

No twisted arms! No threats! No dirty looks!!! Just begging!
If you already donate through a single check, please consider payroll deduction. It’s fast, easy, and we will never bug you again!!
Thanks everyone! We hope to have 100% participation!!!!! Help make that happen!
Remember Charity Begins at Home

Please consider supporting The Wayne Soccer Alumni Fund. 100% of all profits go back to the Boys and Girls Soccer teams at Wayne. Event is open to all staff or anyone connected in any way to Wayne Central.

Trivia

Finally a New Question
Why you ask???? I won the last one! Congratulations to me.

By what date must every school district submit and have approved its collectively bargained APPR to New York’s SED?

Contact Jeff Trout with the correct answer will receive a $15 Lowes Gift Card. 585-454-5550 jtrout@nysutmail.org

Acronym of the Month

SLO

What is an SLO anyway?

A Student Learning Objective (SLO) is an academic goal for a teachers' students representing the most important learning for the semester or course. SLOs must include baseline performance data for each student, benchmarks to assess progress, and growth goal targets. SLOs are developed collaboratively between principals and an individual teacher, or groups of teachers, and should be based on district, school or grade level objectives that are aligned to New York State’s Common Core, national or state standards. Teacher's effectiveness scores for this component of their evaluation will be based upon the degree to which their goals are attained.

This document, available for download, is designed to summarize SED’s guidance on SLOs and provide advice to local leaders.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brad Daly who just received his National Certification! The official title is “Nationally Certified School Psychologist” or NCSP. Nice Job Brad!

Congratulations to Tim McBride and his wife, Jaime, who are now the proud parents of a baby boy. Ronin John was born Saturday May 12 at 10:53 pm and weighed 8 pounds 10 oz.
NYSUT Action Center
Take action to protect the privacy rights of teachers with respect to your personnel records. NYSUT has declared that its statehouse priority is to get legislation that would remove any opportunity for the media and the general public to have access to teacher evaluations and other personnel information.

In the waning days of the legislative session, time is becoming a factor. Direct your members to the MAC site where they can send a letter to the governor and lawmakers. This is the only way to prevent a repeat of the media exploitation of teacher evaluations witnessed recently in New York City tabloids. The wholesale public release of evaluations runs contrary to the legislative purpose of Education Law 3012-c - the APPR law -- which is to improve student learning and teacher and principal effectiveness.

See Ad for how to win a prize!

NYSUT is planning a special congressional primary endorsement conference in Albany May 21-22 to coincide with the Committee of 100. The special conference is necessary because the primary is June 26. The regular endorsement conference is slated for Aug. 13-14

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WTA Election Results effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014

**Building Reps**

**High School:** Jackie Leszyk, Jay Marino, Kristina Stiles, Rebecca Walzer
**HS Alt Reps:** Brian Grayson, Patricia Brennan
**Middle School:** Jenn Cotton, Heather Estabrook, Jenny Wing
**Freewill Elementary:** Cathy Crable, Sarah Lohr
**Ontario Primary:** Ann Marie Evans, Becky Groff
**Ontario Elementary:** Jen Becker, Carla Herbst

**Negotiators**

**At Large:** Marc Binsack - MS
**At Large:** Michele Farley - OE
**At Large:** Heather Herendeen - OE
**Building FE:** Cynthia Rutan
**Building OP:** Eileen Zilliox
**Building OE:** Phil Corletto
**Building MS:** Jay Gauthier
**Building HS:** Patricia Brennan
Attention Locals: Don’t miss out on a special prize drawing!

We know that your Local Association’s newsletter is a great vehicle to find out what is going on in your region, meet the members of your local and learn about exciting opportunities available to you.

Along those lines, we have a great opportunity for you! NYSUT Member Benefits has launched a special prize drawing for all NYSUT members in an effort to encourage greater participation in our free MAP Alert email service.

MAP Alerts are sent approximately once every three weeks to your email inbox and contain information about new endorsed Member Benefits programs, changes to current programs and reminders about existing programs. And, you have our word that you will not be bombarded with email messages.

You will receive one entry into the drawing for every MAP Alert that you open and read before August 15. Winners will be announced on August 16 on the Member Benefits website!

If you are not already a MAP member, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org and click on the MAP graphic in the upper right hand corner of our homepage to join this free service.

Please note that you must be a NYSUT member to be eligible to win any of the prizes in this contest. Only one prize per winner. Current or retired NYSUT employees, NYSUT Member Benefits vendors, or their family members are not eligible to win.

All current and new MAP members who open at least one MAP Alert before August 15, 2012 are eligible to win the following prizes:

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For more information about this drawing, call 800-626-8101 or visit the Member Benefits website at memberbenefits.nysut.org.

For information about programs or about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.
Exclusive discount days for NYSUT members only. This is one offer you don't want to miss!

July 13-20, 2012

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With your NYSUT ticket you get TWO parks for less than the price of one!

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PER PERSON (PLUS TAX)

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