President’s Message

For over 4 decades Wayne County has shared its sales tax with schools. Wayne Central gets approximately $860,000. Recent comments by a number of Supervisors have indicated that they are considering discontinuing the sharing of the sales tax revenue. This is of significant concern because under the 2% sales tax it will be very difficult for schools to raise taxes to match the amount of money lost. In fact, county wide, school districts would need to raise taxes over 7% on average. It is also not true, as some Supervisors have suggested, that if we were to lose this money it would be made up in State Aide. There would also be little relief to taxpayers in the form of NYS Star exemption money. The bottom line is that if schools lose this funding it will force districts to make cuts. If you have not already done so, please send a letter or postcard to the town supervisors in Wayne County. You can obtain/print these letters by visiting our website at wayneta.org/salestaxsharing.htm

I am also giving a call to action and urging you, your family and friends to join us for a rally at the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on the 2014 Tentative Budget. In formation about the rally can be found on page 6 of this Wayne’s World Edition. See you in Lyons at 6:15 PM on December 3rd.

Jason M. Carter

Newspaper Story

I was in the November 17th edition of the Wayne County Times, although not for the reason that became a gossip topic. I wrote a letter to the editor, which is reprinted to the right. However in the same paper there was also a news story about Jason A. Carter in the Law & Order section. Figures the one arrest article that the Wayne County Times doesn’t print the photo mug shot for is for someone with the same (except middle) name as me. The letter to right is from me,

Jason M. Carter

County Reasoning on Sales Tax Flawed

On November 12th, Supervisor Kelsch gave a presentation on the concept of the county discounting its sharing of $5.4 million in sales tax revenue with schools. This is really nothing more than a tax shift. If the county were to increase their 2013 tax levy of $36 million by $5.4 million that would be a 15% increase to the county tax levy. This 15% increase is in effect exactly what was presented; only it forces that shift of $5.4 million to the school tax rolls. Since the county doesn’t plan on then reducing their tax levy of $36 million to $30.6 million, the net result leaves tax payers paying an additional $5.4 million. Thus, this has the same tax impact as the county raising their tax levy by 15% for next year.

It was also presented that as a county we could potentially get an additional $100,000 in NYS Star money coming into Wayne County, if the school districts raised their tax levy by $5 million. So all we have to do as a county is pay an additional $5 million in property taxes next year out of our own pockets and we will get an extra $100,000 from Albany. This is the equivalent of me paying $50 to buy a coupon that gets me 1 dollar off. If as a tax payer you think this is a good idea, I have a bunch $1 off coupons for various grocery items that I would be willing to sell to you for $50 each.
The 3 R’s: Remarks, Reminders, and Relief!

Issues Currently Being Discussed/ Explored
* Schedules
* Construction
* APPR/SLO
* PD Time
* Class Size/Case Load

“Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today.”
— Thích Nhất Hạnh

“Next to trying and winning, the best thing is trying and failing.”
— L.M. Montgomery

Vote-Cope - The Committee on Political Education

Vote-Cope is the Committee on Political Education, the non-partisan political action arm of New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and its affiliates. Funded entirely by voluntary contributions from members, Vote-Cope is used to help union-backed candidates and campaign committees that support education and labor. Vote-Cope helps strengthen political action programs at all levels - national, state, and local. To help on the local level, Vote-Cope provides rebates to participating unions for local political action.

NYSUT has Lesson Plans and Videos to Help with Implementing the Common Core

These Common Core anchor lessons were produced under the direction of NYSUT's Subject Area Committee members. The lessons and accompanying video clips are intended to be used as templates for Common Core lessons and as a reference point for discussions concerning implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards. The videos capture key points of the development process including where the lesson creators began, the struggles they encountered, and the ultimate successes they enjoyed. They provide authentic feedback on what worked and what did not. Check them out at:

http://www.nysut.org/resources/special-resources-sites/common-core/lesson-plans
The National Day of Action Dec. 9 is an opportunity to raise our voices in unison and to connect NYSUT's ongoing campaign to support public education in New York state with the growing national movement.

Latest and Greatest from WTA to the Board and Far Beyond!

On Thursday November 6th Jason and I presented The Wayne Central School District Board of Education with a gift to recognize them for all they do in supporting the WTA in our never-ending quest to provide the “World Class Education,” that the WCSD is known for. The WTA made a donation in the board members’ names of $200.00 and some books to the Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County (LVWC). On hand from the LVWC was Chris Edgar to accept the gift. Needless to say our generosity and good words were a much needed diversion from some of the other board agenda items that evening. Another high point was a presentation to the board by our very own Tom Siembor outlining his recent trip to Japan. Once again the WTA proves that we are A Union of the highest caliber professionals in the business!

Congratulations

To…
Erica Wagner and her family who are expecting a little one this spring!

And
Tim Coon his family who are expecting a little one to be coming along too!

Also…
Warm Thoughts and Wishes to Dave Colburn and his family as he recovers from his bypass surgery.

From Your Entire Wayne Family!

If you have news, please make sure to get it to the person in your building that is on the Communications Committee!
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PARENTS OF WAYNE COUNTY

For more than four decades, Wayne County has shared its sales-tax revenues with its component school districts. While this amount was capped at $5.4 million in 1991, it still plays a significant role in providing a quality education to the students of Wayne County schools.

If the Wayne County Board of Supervisors discontinues its commitment to share sales tax with schools, it potentially would result in one of the largest school-tax hikes in the county’s recent history, as well as a reason to cut more programs from schools.

To get a perspective of how large a cut this would be, if your school district eliminates all scholastic sports teams, clubs and extracurricular activities, it would still only represent a fraction of the amount of revenue lost by the schools.

Discontinuing the sharing of county sales-tax revenue with schools is wrong for taxpayers, wrong for students, wrong for you.

Contact your town supervisor and tell him or her to continue the county’s commitment to share sales-tax revenue with schools. Tell your elected officials to keep their promise to provide students — now and in the future — with a quality education.

Wayne County Education Coalition

Wayne County Education Federation  http://wayneta.org/salestaxsharing.htm

Here’s a link to the Board of Supervisors page with their phone numbers and email addresses. Please write your town supervisors and thank them for the sharing of this sales-tax revenue:

http://www.co.wayne.ny.us/departments/brdsuper.htm
A financial safety net for NYSUT members & their families

Long-term care insurance pays for services that aren’t covered by Medicare or traditional health insurance but are important when you can’t fully take care of yourself.

And with Americans living longer than ever today, the need for a financial safety net has never been greater. Through this endorsed program, eligible individuals can get a long-term care insurance plan designed with their specific needs in mind.

You may think it’s unnecessary since you have no plans of ending up in a nursing home or requiring assistance for basic daily activities. The fact remains, though, that none of us can predict what’s going to happen in the future.

This is where long-term care insurance comes into play — helping to pay the high cost of custodial care and other long-term care expenses that a long-term illness or injury can bring.

And don’t automatically discount the cost of this type of insurance as it may be far more affordable than you may think.

That’s why the NYSUT Member Benefits Trust is excited to be back in the long-term care business with the endorsement of New York Long-Term Care Brokers.

NYLTCB represents numerous long-term care insurance companies – all with different medical underwriting guidelines. Make sure to ask your long-term care insurance specialist for more details.

With this endorsed program, NYSUT members and their eligible family members have the opportunity to receive a 5% to 10% discount on various plans.

We encourage you to look into the cost of a long-term care plan tailored to your specific needs.

With regional representatives throughout New York state and beyond, eligible individuals have access to long-term care insurance plans from multiple highly-rated insurance companies – including the New York State Partnership for Long-Term Care.

For more information about this endorsed offering, please contact NYLTCB toll-free at 888-884-0077. You can also contact Member Benefits with any questions at 800-626-8101 or visit memberbenefits.nysut.org.

For information 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.
THANKS FOR SHARING! KEEP IT UP!
RALLY FOR SALES TAX SHARING IN WAYNE COUNTY

LOCATION:
Supervisors’ Chambers in the Court House in the Village of Lyons.
Wayne County Court House, 26 Church Street, Lyons, NY

DATE:
Tuesday, December 3, 2013

TIME:
6:15 pm Arrive at Court House
6:15-6:45 Walk “rally” in front of court house and park across the street
6:45 Go into meeting en masse
7:00 Meeting starts: If local parents and residents (teachers) are willing
to speak that would be excellent. Try to get 2-3 speakers at least
from each Wayne County town.

NOTE:
• Wear BLUE or your school or local logo clothes.
• In order to speak at the meeting you need to sign up on sheet located when you
walk into the Supervisors Chambers on the night of the meeting (Dec 3rd) as per
Board of Supervisors secretary.
• Reference: Sales tax sharing can be found on page 57 of the tentative Budget

PARKING:
Municipal, Unlimited and Free Parking is available on Montezuma, Water & Broad Streets. Public parking is
available in parking lots on Montezuma Street and Water Street two blocks from the courthouse.
NOTE: 2 Hour Parking is strictly enforced in the Village of Lyons during specified hours.

DIRECTIONS:
From Route 31, turn onto Route 14 North, turn at the second left onto Montezuma St, which becomes
Court St at the first traffic light (William St) and proceed through the first traffic light.

From Route 14 South, turn right onto Montezuma St, which becomes Court St at the first traffic light
(William St) and proceed through the first traffic light.

From NY State Thruway. Get off at Exit 42 and take Route 14 north. From Route 14, after crossing
Erie Canal in Lyons, turn at the second left onto Montezuma St, which becomes Court St at the first
traffic light (William St) and proceed through the first traffic light.