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A Letter from the President

by Jack Beyer



Welcome Back. I hope everyone got off to a good start. We always face a new and as always, challenging year. Let's remember, we're all in this together. As Educators, it is times like these we need to support one another.

Just a few reminders. If you have not registered to vote you have to have it postmarked 25 days prior to the election (Oct.13th). Voting is our best chance to fight back to defend our rights, our profession and our future.

Please review the new draft New York P-12 ELA and Math Learning standards and weigh in on public comment by Nov. 4th. It is available on SED's AimHIGHNY website.

If you are planning to retire in the near future and are looking for credit for other/prior employment, Ex: substitute teacher or worked in a state park in HS or college. Please make sure it is submitted for approval to TRS before you retire.

Contract Corner

Check your personal leave days and sick leave days on your paycheck. Any personal days that were left over from last year should now be in your sick leave. Employees in their probationary period should have received ten (10) additional sick leave days. Tenured employees should have received eleven (11) additional sick leave days. Personal leave days should also have been added. One (1) personal leave day for a first year employee, two (2) personal leave days for a second year employee, and three (3) personal leave days for employees in their third and subsequent years. Refer to Article 11 on pages 9 through 12.

Please extend a huge welcome to our NEW teachers this year!

Hailey Modelewski-JLE/MS

Victoria Casciaro-MS

Maureen McDonald-MS

Bridget Smith-MS

Patricia Velez-MS

Donna Coons-JH

Evan Jenkins-JH

Cory Moon-JH

Barbara DiMarco-HS

Krista Manchuck-HS

Dion Placencia-HS



HTA Dues Breakdown

by Lucy Rees

Three organizations are supported with the dues each member pays. The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) is the national organization. The dues to AFT are \$228.36 for the 2016-2017 school year. The second portion of the dues, \$378.00, goes to the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). The local portion of the dues, \$120.00, goes to the Hudson Teachers Association. The local dues are used to support social activities for members, charitable contributions to community groups that support the children in the Hudson City School District, and recognition of life events (births, weddings, illness and death) of the members. Total dues= \$726.36 for full time teachers for the year.

Interested in a Professional Organization?

Under Article 3, page 5, of our contract, the district agrees to reimburse any member of the bargaining unit for a maximum of \$50 for dues in a professional organization of an educational nature. Just fill out a purchase order and include your receipt!

Some possible organizations may be: The International Reading Association, The National Council of Teachers of English, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc., National Council of Teachers of Math, National Science Teachers Association, National Council for the Social Studies, Council for Exceptional Education, National Association for Sports and Physical Education, or the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

There are many more! Get reimbursed today!

HCBF Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 12th 4-6 pm @ HHS

\$11.00 pre-sale or \$12 at the door

Includes ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, butter, cookie, & a beverage

Tickets available from:

Lori Below-JLE

Ellen Huemmer-IS

Florence Berth-JH

Bob Lacasse-HS

**HTA to Participate in Superhero Fun Run/Walk
HTA MEMBERS! Let's be SUPERHEROS!**

Saturday, November 5th @ 10 am @ 7th St. Park

Which building can bring in the most toys?

Even if you can't make the run/walk, please consider donating an unwrapped new toy for a needy child. If we could get every member to donate, what a difference that would make in the lives of so many kids!

If you would like to run/walk, please sign up with your building reps.

If your plan is to simply donate, please drop off your one new unwrapped toy to your building rep by Friday, November 4th.

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MC Smith-Lynn Clark & Tani Quinion

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10/10 Raffle to Benefit Students

For more than 40 years, the HTA has sponsored a raffle that helps one of our students pay for some expenses to become a teacher. The 10/10 Club uses the majority of the money for the scholarship and the rest goes to the weekly raffle winner.

Please sign up with your building reps and pick a number or two. The last day to choose your raffle numbers is Wednesday, October 19th.

1-\$10 prize per week beginning October 21st through December 20th

A drawing on December 20th will also include a \$100, \$50, and \$25 winner.

PICK YOUR NUMBERS TODAY!

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