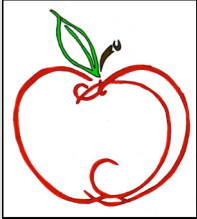


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NYSUT has released a number of actions that you can take to let your fellow teachers know that you are sticking with our union!



- You can change your profile picture on Facebook.
Teachers from around the state are also taking part in the #imstickingwithourunion campaign on Twitter...
Get talking points about the dangers of Janus and the importance of sticking with our union.

All of our members are encouraged to take part in this campaign and please make sure that you tweet @fftstrong. To download the post and get more information check out the Janus Action Center.

DEADLINE EXTENDED!

The deadline has been extended for this year's weighted NYSUT course EDU 661114 - "Instructional Planning, Strategic Teaching." The course must be taken in person (NOT ONLINE) and be COMPLETED BY AUGUST 31, 2018.

SAVE THE DATE!

The FFT is hosting a HAPPY HOUR!

Let's Celebrate Friday, April 20 2:30-6:30 at The Main Event in Farmingdale

THANK YOU!

The Negotiations Team would like to thank our members for their support and activism in helping to get our contract settled. The final result was a 97% YES vote.

All conditions stated in our last contract remain the same with the exception of the new salaries/steps.



Your monthly bills won't stop if you become unable to work

Insurance is the type of product that you hope you never have to utilize. In the event that you need to use it, though, it's important to have the insurance product that best meets your individual needs.

The NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed voluntary Disability Insurance Plan -- provided by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company -- provides valuable income replacement benefits to help meet your living expenses if you become partially or totally disabled and are unable to work.



Disability insurance can be customized to fit within your budget and still provide peace of mind until you are able to get back on your feet and return to work. Applications for the new NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed Disability Insurance Plan are now available, with coverage effective dates on or after Jan. 1, 2018 from the Plan Administrator, Mercer Consumer.

For more information and/or to get an application, visit memberbenefits.nysut.org or call **800-626-8101** for specific information about this program.

Call to Action: Proposals requested for NYSUT *Educator's Voice*



New York State's classrooms are among the most diverse in the nation. In recognition of this, NYSUT is currently seeking article proposals on "**Culturally-Responsive Teaching**" for consideration in its annual edition of *Educator's Voice*, a *Journal of Best Practices in Education*. **The deadline for proposals is June 15, 2018.**

Do you have a project or practice that works well in your classroom, something you are passionate about and would like to share with other educators across the state? This is a great opportunity to write about it and become published in NYSUT's member journal, a publication created by NYSUT members for NYSUT members. No previous experience is needed nor do you need to be a professional writer to be published in *Educator's Voice*.

Once accepted, authors receive a great deal of editorial support and writing guidance throughout the year-long publication cycle. The result is a professional, research-based publication that can be shared with your colleagues and used for professional development. Authors or author teams can collaborate across schools or with partners in higher education; at least one author must be a NYSUT or affiliate member.

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