### BI-WEEKLY

# FOCUS



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FFT FOCUS Edited by Emily Geiger REMINDER!
Maternity/Paternity
Workshop



OCTOBER 18 3:45 p.m. at the FFT Office

contact Brian Reilly at the FFT Office to reserve a spot or call to ask any questions if you cannot attend.

#### Come on Over!

We need members to join the FFT Political Action / Health and Safety Committee October 22 3:45 pm at the FFT Office.

For information contact Esther Hernandez-Kramer

## Don't forget to join!

You are the "**T**" in PTA and SEPTA!

Help support the work they do for our students and our schools. MAKING STRIDES IS ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY!



JOIN THE FFT TEAM ON OCTOBER 20 - 8:00AM JONES BEACH BOARDWALK

OR

MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE TO FIND THE CURE FOR BREAST CANCER!

### Did You Know?

All teachers are required to attend ONE "back-to-school" night and TWO evening parent-teacher conferences.



The format for the evening conference nights:

- Must begin no earlier than 5:30 pm and no later than 7:00 pm.
- Shall be no longer than 3 hours in length
- The District will provide security and administrative supervision

Teachers who are split between buildings may be asked to attend additional meetings in their secondary building, and if so, the teachers will be paid at the hourly home tutoring rate for the additional meetings they are required to attend.

#### NYSUT and AFT CONVENTION ELECTIONS

Election for delegates to both the **NYSUT and AFT Conventions** will be held on **Thursday**, **December 5, 2019**.

It is anticipated that members will vote for six (6) delegates to the NYSUT Convention, May 1-2, in Albany, and six (6) delegates to the AFT Convention, July 27-30, in Houston.

- 1. Any FFT member in good standing is eligible to run for delegate.
- 2. Requests to be placed on the ballot must be received by the Elections Chairperson, at the Union Office, 100 Broadhollow Road, Suite 104, on or before <u>Friday, November 7, by 4:00 P.M.</u> Please indicate whether you wish to be a delegate for NYSUT or AFT, or both.
- 3. Biographical sketches must be submitted with your request. Sketches will be limited to subject and area taught, length of service in the district, and services rendered to the union. Services to the union are defined as: Building Representative, committee member, delegate to conventions, and District-wide Officer. In addition, candidates may submit a statement not to exceed 75 words in support of their candidacy. The biographies and statements will be reviewed, edited, and approved by the District Elections Committee. Biographical sketches will be distributed prior to the election in accordance with the established election procedures.
- 4. Petition and biography, as well as the counter's name and a written statement signed by the counter on a form provided by the FFT including the time, place and date of the counting of the ballots, must accompany the written request in order that a candidate's name be placed on the ballot.
- 5. The election shall be by paper ballot in each building. Provisions for absentee ballots will be met in accordance with the established election procedures.
- 6. If a runoff election is needed, it will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

### HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES REMINDER

If you would like to see (or obtain a copy of) the Benefit Fund's HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices, please contact:

Margaret Bertolotti, Fund Manager Farmingdale Federation of Teachers Benefit Fund 100 Broadhollow Road, Suite 104

Farmingdale, NY 11735-4813

The Notice describes how the plan uses and discloses protected health information for self-funded dental and vision benefits, and it also discusses important federal rights that you have with respect to your protected health information.

### FFT BUY LINES



**FOR SALE:** 1.5 Molloy Graduate Credits. Contact Ivelysse Powers: 631-786-7999

To place a personal ad, email the information to the FFT Office along with a personal email or phone number. Contact Emily Geiger if you have any questions.