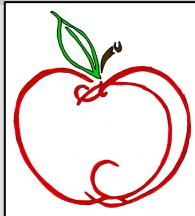


## BI-WEEKLY *FOCUS*



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### UPCOMING FFT EVENT:

*The Farmingdale Community  
Summit and Health Expo*

*Saturday, April 26, 2025  
Farmingdale Public Library*

*12:00 PM to 2:30 PM*



## Don't Be Left Out!

Currently, 2 out of 3 members **DO NOT** have a **MyNYSTRS** profile account. This is an easy way for you track and verify the information that affects your teaching service, benefits, and future retirement.

*ALL* members, regardless of age, are encouraged to set-up a profile with the NYS Retirement System.

Sign up at [nystrs.org](http://nystrs.org)

Call the NYS Retirement System or the FFT Office if you have any questions.

WELCOME  
**2025**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNITE US  
UNION STRONG!

PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL  
UNION SOLIDARITY HAPPY HOUR!

FARMINGDALE FEDERATION OF TEACHERS  
MFT Solidarity  
PLAINIDGE FEDERATION OF TEACHERS  
PFT

DATE: FRIDAY JANUARY 31ST  
TIME: 3PM  
LOCATION: LI MCGRATH'S  
217 MAIN STREET  
FARMINGDALE

## February Reminders

- If you have completed coursework and are submitting credits to move to a higher "credit lane," make sure your paperwork is submitted to the personnel office by the close of business on February 1, 2025.
- If you are one of the FFT members who receive their step increment in February, please make sure to "check your check" on February 15th.
- See a building rep if you need to verify the contractual salary.



## Did You Know?

All regularly employed teachers shall be entitled to approved absences of fourteen (14) working days per year with unlimited cumulative allowance for the duration of the teacher's employment without loss of salary. The fourteen (14) working days referred to herein shall include (11) days for illness and three (3) days for personal business.

### *Approved Absences- Non-Deductible from Cumulative Allowance Without Loss of Salary*

- *Death in Immediate Family or "Substitute Parent"*

*Five (5) working days of absence will be approved for each death in the immediate family or of "substitute parent".*

- *Death of Relatives*

*A maximum of three (3) working days of absence will be approved for each death of a relative. Relative is defined as a grandparent, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of*



## FFT BUY LINES



FOR SALE: 1.5 Molloy Credits.

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