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Teacher Appreciation FFT HAPPY HOUR

Villager in Farmingdale Date: May 30, 2025 Time: 2:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon featuring:

- Drink Specials
- Delicious Appetizers
- Raffles and Door Prizes



For Rent:

Lakefront Montauk Cottage \$2500/week Available: June 1st to June 7th June 8th to June 14th Call or text Bob Blume (631) 655-3130





FFT CONTRACT CORNER

UNION MEMBERSHIP has MEANING!

As a member of the FFT and NYSUT you have access to benefits, rights, and protections you may not be aware of.

Your union provides COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:

- The negotiation of a contract ensuring your pay, benefits, and working conditions.
- Representation in defending full rights and benefits under the contract.
- Filing and arbitration of a grievance.
- Day-to-day advice and counsel on workplace issues.

Your union provides LEGAL SERVICES:

- Due process hearings for members.
- Legal enforcement of seniority and other rights under Educational Law.
- Protection of seniority lists and recall rights (Preferred Eligibility).
- Family and Medical Leave Act claims

Your union provides PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT:

- Access to courses offered through NYSUT ELT and in-service courses.
- A voice in professional development opportunities.
- Mentoring for new teachers.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 24 at 4:15 via ZOOM

On the Agenda:

- Presentation of the slate of FFT officers for election.
- Key issues impacting our job and public education.
- Upcoming FFT sponsored events.
- Member concerns and questions.



YOUR UNION- YOUR VOTE

Upcoming Union Representation Elections

Every two years, the FFT conducts elections for union representation. These elections will take place in each building at the end of the school day.

FFT Officers: Date: May 8, 2025

Building Representatives: Date: May 22, 2025

Alternate Representatives: Date: June 5, 2025

