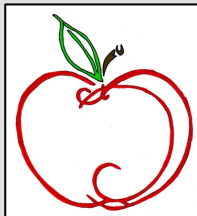


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Happy Teacher Appreciation Week

Our educators do more than teach; they inspire! This week, we want to take a moment to recognize all that you contribute, not just this week, but every week throughout the year.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and the expertise you generously share with your students. Your impact is truly invaluable.

Cordelia, Brian, Kathleen, Esther, Janet, and Jared



FFT Teacher Appreciation 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**

Let's celebrate the dedication
of our educators and foster our
UNION SPIRIT!

FFT Officer Elections
May 8, 2025

The Nation's Largest 1-Day Food Drive

Saturday, May 10, 2025





LET MEMBER BENEFITS HELP YOU PLAN FOR RETIREMENT

If you recently retired or plan to do so in the near future, it's important to prepare for the transition from in-service work to retirement.

Maintaining NYSUT membership in retirement is crucial, especially if you're currently participating in a NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed program(s) and would like to continue doing so. This can be accomplished in one of two ways:

- 1** Continue membership within your local if retiree membership is offered. Contact your local to find out if any retiree membership requirements are in place. You must comply with these requirements to continue your membership in NYSUT along with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and National Education Association (NEA).
- 2** Continue as an at-large member of NYSUT through the Retiree Council in your region. Contact your local to ensure you will be reported as retired to NYSUT. This will provide you with membership in the Retiree Council in your region along with NYSUT, AFT, and NEA. If you have questions about maintaining NYSUT membership or would like more information about NYSUT retiree programs, you will want to contact the NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant serving your region. You can find this information at nysut.cc/retireeconsultants.

More than a dozen of the endorsed programs offered by Member Benefits can be purchased through either payroll or pension deduction. These convenient payment methods offer reduced premiums or the elimination of service fees in many instances. An active NYSUT membership is required to participate in payroll or pension deduction. If you're currently participating in one (or more) of our endorsed programs, we encourage you to look into switching to pension deduction after you enter retirement.

Learn more about continuing Member Benefits-endorsed programs or the pension deduction process by scanning the QR code, visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org, or calling 800-626-8101.

