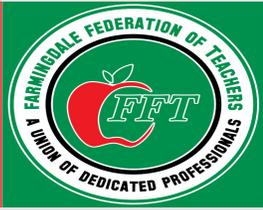


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LET'S PAINT THE DISTRICT BLUE!

It's time to show our strength. We are calling on every member of the FFT to wear BLUE on:

FRIDAY, 3/6/26

We are united in one goal: #FIXTIERSIX.
Our future, our pensions, and our profession depend on it.

Take a group photo with your building and tag us!
#unionstrong



UPCOMING FFT EVENT:

The Farmingdale Community Summit and Health Expo

*Saturday, April 18, 2026
Farmingdale Public Library*

12:00 PM to 2:30 PM



A PUBLIC RALLY TO DEMAND OUR VOICES BE HEARD

Taxpayer-funded charter schools must be accountable to taxpayers.

T-shirts will be available at the event! Participants are encouraged to bring signs, but signs will be provided if needed.

REGISTER HERE



SATURDAY MARCH 21

10:00 AM - NOON

BELLMORE TRAIN

STATION

Sunrise Highway and Bedford Avenue, Bellmore, NY

Bolt for Baldrick's 5K Run/Walk

March 29, 2026
9AM Start - Rain or Shine

Farmingdale High School





Another new year is upon us and with it comes the opportunity to take stock of where we are in our lives. NYSUT Member Benefits endorses numerous programs that can help with creating a plan to prepare for whatever the future brings.

CREATE YOUR PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR TODAY.

Learn more by scanning the QR code, visiting mb-nysut.org/investinyourfuture, or calling 800-626-8101.



Have you addressed any legal or financial concerns?

With our Legal Service Plan, you gain access to a national network of attorneys at a reduced cost; two, free hour-long consultations; and a legal security package containing a simple will, health care proxy, living will, and power of attorney. Meanwhile, our Financial Counseling Program provides access to certified financial planners that can offer unbiased financial counseling services.

Improving your financial acumen is a key part of building a successful retirement plan. Powered by Kiplinger's Personal Finance, our Financial Learning Center is a free online resource that offers monthly articles about dealing with debt, insurance, retirement, finances, and more.

Do you have an emergency fund?

Synchrony Bank offers several options to help grow your savings over time, including high-yield savings accounts,

money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. NYSUT members receive special rates above those available to the general public.

Is a new home or refinancing of your current home on your list?

NYSUT members can save up to \$2,700 on lender fees and closing costs with the UnionDirect Mortgage Discount Program from Mid-Island Mortgage. For more than 60 years, Mid-Island Mortgage has been helping union members with realizing the joy of homeownership.

Are you looking for assistance with credit and/or debt management?

Our partnership with Cambridge Credit Counseling can assist members with understanding debt consolidation and student loan repayment options. Members can receive a free, no-obligation consultation with a Cambridge certified counselor.