Message from the President

As the 2017-18 school year winds down, I can’t help but reflect on the enormous victories we have celebrated and heartbreaking losses we have endured. The defeat of the proposed Constitutional Convention was a great and telling victory for our union. It put Albany on notice that we are a force to be reckoned with. However, public education continues to have many rich and powerful enemies. Make no mistake about it, the attacks on public sector unions are aimed at weakening and destroying the organization that professionalized teaching, empowered us to negotiate respectable salaries and benefits, and most importantly, gave us a collective voice to stand up for our profession and our students! Without that collective voice and power, these forces will simply take over our public education system and destroy the profession we all love. This is why it is imperative that we stay unified and stick with our union! It is the only hope we have of protecting our public education system and all of the benefits and protections we enjoy.

The profession we all love is itself in danger of being forever changed for the worse. All one needs to do is look at what’s happened in the “right to work” states that Martin Luther King warned us about many years ago. Teachers in these states haven’t received wage increases in years, their health benefits have been taken away or severely diminished, and the voices they use to stand up for their students and their profession have been silenced! Stopping this is straightforward and simple. Stay educated, engaged, and in our union! As of this writing, I am pleased and proud to report that 99% of you have made a recommitment to the STA. I am personally committed to engaging the 1% in an effort to help them understand the value of their union membership to both themselves and all of us.

Almost six months after the passing of Lisa Cutten, I am still heartbroken. Losing Lisa created a huge void in the leadership of the STA. She was instrumental in engaging new and veteran teachers, providing opportunities for our members to get more involved, and advocating for us at both the state and local levels. A growing
number of teachers have stepped up to help fill that enormous void in Lisa’s memory. Stacy Lonardo volunteered to serve on our Negotiation’s Team. This is an enormous commitment and a huge responsibility. She has been instrumental in providing a voice on issues that have a direct impact on our members at the elementary level. Jackie Lanpher was elected to serve as RA Delegate, which means she attends the annual NYSUT Representative Assembly to vote on behalf of the STA. Rob Allen joined our Local Action Project team and will be helping us complete our work in Saratoga Springs this summer. It is the third and final year of this project that has transformed the STA in a myriad of ways. I want to thank my fellow STA officers, building representatives, PAC representatives, and BPT representatives who have all taken on more responsibilities and contributed to our transformation.

Our association continues to take an active role in helping to make sure that our Board of Education understands the challenges facing public education. We endorsed our two sitting board members, Kevin Hutton and Mike Miceli, and they were re-elected handily. The money we receive back to our local from your VOTE-COPE contributions is how we pay for the postcards that we mail to the 600+ NYSUT members and retirees living in our district, encouraging them to vote YES for the budget and to support our endorsed candidates.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your recommitment to our association and for all the fabulous things you do for our students each and every day! I have always considered it an honor and a privilege to serve you! Have a safe and restful summer!

*John Kozlowski, President*

---

**Professional Advancement Committee (PAC) Update**

**Negotiations**
As of June 1st, the negotiations team has met with the district 8 times. We have one more scheduled date before the end of the school year. We continue to work through STA and district interests. There will be an update before the end of the school year.

**April 12th, 2019 Conference Day**
John Kozlowski and I worked collaboratively with Ty and Cory to develop a course of action that would allow STA members the opportunity to complete 6 hours of PD during the school year, which would then replace the conference day on April 12th, 2019. This agreement sunsets after next year unless both parties agree to extend the agreement. John and I will meet with Ty and Cory to review the PD application process and will continue to meet as we move through this process. Your input is important, and we ask that you contact one of us to share positive aspects and areas where we can improve the procedures.

We also continue to field questions on a “summer day.” As a reminder, there is no summer day for STA members. There are other district-provided opportunities for you this summer should you wish to participate.

I wish you all the best as we put another one in the books.

*Joe DiTucci, PAC Chair*
Mary Anne Cellura

Munn
4th Grade

What year did you join the district, and in what role?
I joined the district in September 1997, taking on a second grade position.

What grade levels did you teach/work with throughout your career in Spencerport?
I taught second grade for approximately 10 years and then moved to fourth grade up to the present.

What will you miss most?
I will certainly miss working with the students and watching them grow. But above all, I will miss all my colleagues at Munn! They are the most caring, thoughtful people who have your back at a moment’s notice. They are definitely family in every sense of the word!

Do you have a favorite or funny memory to share?
I had been out for a few days with a back injury. Upon my return, I found a Smart Board installed in the room. I blurted out, “Oh joy, oh joy! We have a Smart Board!” Of course, I was being sarcastic at the time because I had no idea of how to use it! In walked nine-year-old Nick, from the next room. He had heard the dismay in my voice, and said, “Not to worry, Mrs. Cellura, I have your back. I will teach you the ropes!”

What advice do you have for new teachers?
Be very sensitive to the needs of your students. Be firm and consistent and let them know that you are there for them. Remember that when students enter your room, they are coming in with the whole package…… socially and emotionally, as well as academically.
Marlene Jensen
Munn
Reading TA

**What year did you join the district, and in what role?**
After a first career as a journalist, I began substitute teaching in the district in 2010 when our family moved back to the Rochester area from Maryland. I joined the Reading Center at Munn as a Teaching Assistant in 2012, working with small groups from Kindergarten to 5th grade.

**What will you miss most?**
The students and my colleagues. I will miss the students—their faces filled with hope, eagerness, mischief, apprehension, curiosity and joy, punctuated by their laughter and smiles made all the more endearing by recently lost teeth. It is fascinating to look at life the way they see it. I feel like I won the lottery when I was hired at Munn. There is something uniquely wonderful about the Munn family, and I will miss being with them on a daily basis.

**Do you have a favorite memory?**
The best memories are of days when the light goes on. Those are priceless times when a student who has struggled with a concept or skill gets it, masters it or uses it. You can almost see the light go on over their heads. It is a feeling like no other for them and for you.

**Do you have a funny memory?**
Many, but one of my favorites occurred on one of my first days at Munn. After the first-grade teacher introduced me as her sub for the afternoon, one of the students walked up and said, “You look old.” I bent down, smiled and said, “You look short.”

**What advice do you have for new teachers?**
Have fun. Take every opportunity to enhance their learning with hands-on activities like Maker Space, connections to art, music, sports and real life. Teach vocabulary—it empowers them. Use maps to help them learn about the world beyond Spencerport. Choose Kind. Remember, yours may be the only smile they see that day, yours may be the only encouraging words they hear.

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
—Eleanor Roosevelt.

—Miss Frizzle, “The Magic School Bus”
What year did you join the district, and in what role?
I joined the Spencerport School district 15 years ago as a Reading Recovery teacher and AIS provider for Language Arts. I worked at Munn full time my first year. I was fortunate to also work at Taylor and Canal View for short periods of time.

What grade levels did you teach/work with throughout your career in Spencerport?
I worked mostly at first grade when I first arrived, but now I work at grades K-5.

What will you miss most?
There are many things I will miss about my experiences in Spencerport. I will miss figuring out students who have learning challenges when it comes to learning to read and to understand what they have read. I will miss the interchange between professionals as they collaborate thus raising understanding and compassion for each other’s roles as educators and enhancing each other’s understanding of students by being able to see through their different lenses. I will miss the educators I have watched supporting students and families through tough times with a gentle humbleness and great love.

Do you have a favorite memory to share?
One of my favorite memories was when the entire school read *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo. A cumulating activity was for each grade level to dress up as a particular character. On that day, students and staff came to school dressed as Nellie an older woman, Lawrence the fisherman, Bull the hobo, and others. It was filled with excitement for all involved.

What advice do you have for new teachers?
Be prepared to work hard and to love unconditionally. Be the kind of teacher you would like your children to have when they come to school. See each day as a new start, and at the end of your career, realize that you have never stopped learning and growing both as a teacher and a person!

Develop a passion for learning.
If you do, you will never cease to grow.

- Anthony J. D'Angelo
Dianne Robinson
Taylor
Nurse

What year did you become a school nurse?
I started as a Spencerport school nurse 01/04/2004 and had worked in community health for almost 20 years before that.

What grade levels did you work with?
I have worked at Terry Taylor Elementary School grades K through 5 full time and help with some of the summer projects as well. I love the little ones, and everyday there is always something new happening. I will retire on August 31st of this year.

What will you miss most?
The people!! I will miss the students, the wonderful staff, and the parents. I have enjoyed watching the kindergartners grow and change all the way through 5th grade. Then they are off to Cosgrove. You really get to know the kids after being with them for 6 years and encouraging them along the way. I always felt Taylor was a family where we support and care about each other. I will miss my Taylor family. They have been wonderful to work with, and this has been my favorite nursing job by far.

Do you have a favorite memory to share?
I loved it when the students remembered me and expressed their gratitude. I especially love the hand made cards and posters and just that "thank you, I feel better now" that is worth a million bucks. I hope I provided a little bit of kindness in their day.

What advice do you have for new nurses?
Be supportive of your fellow nurses and be available to share/help out when needed. The nurses are a great group of professionals to work with! It's easy to get overwhelmed at times, so take a deep breath, and refocus on what is your priority. Being organized is a really big help too. Work hard, be kind to yourself and others always. Keep the faith! And remember, there are really only 2 seasons, "allergy" and "flu!"

Life is more accurately measured by the lives you touch than by the things you acquire.
STA Provides FREE Books to Spencerport Community

For the past two years, the STA has utilized the AFT’s First Book program to obtain thousands of free books that we in turn give away to families in our community. We have made Christmas on the Canal and the Fire Department’s Kiddie Parade and Carnival annual STA Book-Give Away events, and we hope to make the give-away held at Cramer Circle this past December an annual event as well.

On June 6th, at the Kiddie Parade and Carnival, we gave away remaining First Books and new Scholastic books that we are purchasing through grant funds and with money made through fundraising. The two #Solidarity red shirt sales we held this year raised just under $900! Scholastic has monthly “dollar deals,” plus free shipping, no tax, and bonus point incentives, so we recently purchased over 170 brand new books for $120. The Scholastic books are paperbacks, making them easier to store and transport, and we will be able to purchase a wider variety of fantastic titles! Dollar Deals include titles by authors like Roald Dahl and Judy Blume, classics like The Westing Game, contemporary titles like I Am Malala, and childhood favorites such as Pete the Cat.

One parent wrote on the STA Facebook page about her children, “They came home talking more about the books they got than the carnival. Thank you so much!”

If you would like to participate in any future book give-away events, look for information in next year’s newsletters, or reach out directly to one of your building reps.

Political Action Update: Locals Endorse BOE Candidates

Regardless of where you live, there is a good chance you received a version of the NYSUT postcard below in the days before the May school budget vote. This year, in school districts around the county, 39 teacher-endorsed candidates won seats on their local Boards of Education. Of the 39, 14 are current NYSUT members. Every single NYSUT member who ran won his/her election! If there is a silver lining to the reforms of the past ten years, it is that teachers are more politically involved than ever—in the south, teachers are striking for better pay and benefits, and here in New York, they are running for public office.

When a local teachers union endorses a candidate, it is nearly a guarantee that the candidate will win. NYSUT has member information for all active and retired NYSUT members living in each school district, allowing local teacher’s unions to send postcard endorsements to each household as well as make phone calls encouraging our fellow members to get out and vote for a pro-public education candidate. If you are interested in running for the Board of Education in the community where you live, Paul Hypolite, our NYSUT Regional Political Organizer, can help you get started on the process. You can email him at phypolit@nysutmail.org.
2018 Representative Assembly

On April 27th and 28th, the STA’s NYSUT Delegates—John Kozlowski, Joe DiTucci, Jackie Lanpher, and Gretchen Breon—attended the NYSUT Representative Assembly 2018 in Buffalo. From the NYSUT website, “The RA is the union's highest policy-making body, except for a membership referendum. All NYSUT members are welcome to attend the annual Representative Assembly, but only duly elected and reported delegates may debate and vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, proposed resolutions and other business that might be brought before the Representative Assembly according to NYSUT Constitution and Bylaws provisions or policy.” An amazing event to attend, locals from across the state send delegates to consider and vote on resolutions.

Delegates work in committees on resolutions that are presented to the entire group (over 2,000 delegates) for ratification. Those committees produce meaningful resolutions that, once voted and approved, become the issues NYSUT officials work on with legislators and other governing bodies. This is how NYSUT members direct the efforts of our state officers. Committee work and voting lasted until 9:00 Friday evening, making for an interesting and quite exhausting day!

RA Delegates approved an impressive set of resolutions that included critical issues the teaching profession is dealing with daily. The big news this year was the bill making its way through the NYS legislature set to decouple NYS tests from teacher evaluations. Governor Cuomo has promised to sign the bill making it law. It currently is being held up by Senate Majority Leader Flanagan, though most are hopeful the bill will be passed before the current session ends.

Video links to all the speeches and presentations from this year's RA are available at this link: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfF1iwsRugCbO9Ptj6rEep7b8EofxW6bF. Executive Vice President Jolene DiBrango had a very powerful message for all members in her speech telling us all that she 100% "has our backs."

The NYSUT RA always concludes with delegates singing, “Solidarity Forever.” In solidarity, NYSUT officers and members continue to fight for what is right for students and the teaching profession. Now more than ever, we must remember how much stronger we are when we stick together. With close to 100% STA membership cards signed, we are in good shape to confront any challenges coming our way.

In Solidarity,

Gretchen Breon, STA Social Media Coordinator & NYSUT At-Large Delegate
Did you know that our union has an anthem? “Solidarity Forever,” sung to the tune of the “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” was written in 1915 by labor activist Ralph Chaplin.

When the union’s inspiration through the workers’ blood shall run,
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun;
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one,
But the union makes us strong.

Chorus:
Solidarity forever,
Solidarity forever,
Solidarity forever,
For the union makes us strong.

Is there aught we hold in common with the greedy parasite,
Who would lash us into servitude and would crush us with his might?
Is there anything left to us but to organize and fight?
For the union makes us strong. Chorus

It is we who plowed the prairies; built the cities where they trade;
Dug the mines and built the workshops, endless miles of railroad laid;
Now we stand outcast and starving midst the wonders we have made;
But the union makes us strong. Chorus

All the world that’s owned by idle drones is ours and ours alone.
We have laid the wide foundations; built it skyward stone by stone.
It is ours, not to slave in, but to master and to own.
While the union makes us strong. Chorus

They have taken untold millions that they never toiled to earn,
But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel can turn.
We can break their haughty power, gain our freedom when we learn
That the union makes us strong. Chorus

In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold,
Greater than the might of armies, multiplied a thousand-fold.
We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old
For the union makes us strong. Chorus

Additional verses written during the 1970s:
We’re the women of the union in the forefront of the fight,
We fight for women’s issues, and we fight for women’s rights,
We’re prepared to fight for freedom, we’re prepared to stand our ground,
Women make the union strong.

Through our sisters and our brothers, we can make our union strong,
For respect and equal value we have done without too long,
We no longer have to tolerate injustices and wrongs,
For the union makes us strong.

When racism in all of us is finally out and gone,
Then the union movement will be twice as powerful and strong,
For equality for everyone will move the cause along,
For the union makes us strong.

New verses for the Centennial:
They say our day is over; they say our time is through,
They say you need no union if your collar isn’t blue,
Well that is just another lie the boss is telling you,
For the Union makes us strong!

They divide us by our color; they divide us by our tongue,
They divide us men and women; they divide us old and young,
But they’ll tremble at our voices, when they hear these verses sung,
For the Union makes us strong!
Janus Update

There is a good chance the by the time you read this issue, the Janus decision will have been issued by the Supreme Court. The day the Janus decision is announced, we will receive an email from John Kozlowski with implications and next steps. The next day, please wear your STA shirt, a red shirt, or any Spencerport apparel as a sign of solidarity. During the next school year, we are all encouraged to wear Red for Public Ed on Wednesdays and our STA shirts or Spencerport gear on Fridays. We will hold another apparel sale in September.

Recently, Randi Weingarten, President of the AFT, wrote to local presidents about Janus and concluded with these words:

So what happens the next day, and the next month, and the next year? We’ll be writing that chapter together. But I know that, while we’ll have setbacks here and there, we will surprise those who think Janus will be our obituary. I believe it will be quite the opposite; we’ll see strength rising from adversity… Our members are more engaged and mobilized than ever before.

The engagement and mobilization of the local teachers unions across New York is why we defeated the Constitutional Convention and why we will be a model for the rest of the country as Janus unfolds.

Our dues help pay the salaries of the professionals who fight on our behalf: from the labor relations specialists who are instrumental in our local negotiations to the NYSUT attorneys in Albany fighting one anti-public education initiative after another, such as the charter school policy passed in October 2017 allowing certain charter chains to certify their own teachers in 5 weeks.

Our strength allows us to collectively bargain for the compensation and job protections that are lacking in the states where teachers have gone on strike.

Our solidarity gives us a professional voice to advocate for what is best for the students in our classrooms.

Thank you to the 99% of STA members who have committed to sticking with our union!
Spotlight on the STA

Every day, educators in our association go the extra mile to make learning meaningful for kids.

This spring, Canal View celebrated the finale of the “Pathway to Kindness” project with an activity led by teachers whose passion it is to remind students each and every day that kindness matters. All in one day, with the help of over 20 teacher and parent volunteers, 535 students and staff painted and decorated a rock with a word of kindness.

May 31st was the reveal day celebration. Students and staff gathered in front of the school, eager to plant their creations in the pathway. One student from each grade level was chosen to read a kindness quote, such as, “We all smile in the same language.” Classes were called up to “plant” their rocks in the pathway; students were so excited and eager to plant their rocks! White rocks will be added later on to fill in around the beautifully painted rocks.

A big thank you to L.L. Huff for donating all rocks and the following teachers who, in the middle of a snow storm, came out and helped pick over 600 rocks for our project: Laura Gannon, Stephanie Althouse, Pamela Valenti, Shelly Remillard and Deb Rogala. The hope is that as everyone enters Canal View Elementary School, they will enter with Kindness in their Hearts.

At Cosgrove, Andrea Page’s ELA classes conducted a special research project in which her students researched the individuals who made Spencerport a special place: Leo Bernabi, Ada Cosgrove, William Munn, Terry Taylor, John Trowbridge and E.J. Wilson. At an evening event on June 12th, student research will be on display in Cosgrove’s Kick-n-Back Lounge at 5:30, and at 6:00 PM, students will present their research in the Cosgrove Auditorium.
Also at Cosgrove, Katie Burgstrom’s ELA classrooms celebrated *The Outsiders* with a dress-up day on Thursday June 7th! Students came to school as a “greaser” or a Soc, with their enthusiasm truly capturing why S.E. Hinton’s timeless classic is still popular more than fifty years after its publication!

Please email Emmy Thevanesan with future topics for this segment of our newsletter. Let’s celebrate the ways we make learning special!
Lorri Fousse, Taylor special education, and her family are celebrating her brother’s retirement from the United States Marine Corps. On June 4th, 2018, Master Gunnery Sergeant Marcus Fischer, who was honored with the prestigious Legion of Merit award in 2016, will retire after 30 years of service to our nation.

Lisa Zona, Cosgrove art, welcomed her third grandchild on April 17th. Her daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Kenny Hearne, had a little boy named Leo James, who was also welcomed by his sister Stella, 4, and brother Nathan, 2. Leo James was 6 lbs. 3 oz.

Suellan Morton's daughter, Holly, graduated on May 26th from Keuka College with a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education. Suellan teaches math at Cosgrove.

Jannen Henry’s son, Nathan, is graduating from Churchville-Chili High School in June. He will study Computer Science at MCC. Janeen teaches special education at Cosgrove.

Our district float nurse, Emily Chambers, was married on May 26th. Congratulations, Emily Locke!
Beth Bush, Cosgrove music, will have an exciting summer! Her youngest children, twins Jacob and Amanda, are graduating from Hilton High School in June. Amanda has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and heads to Paris Island September 10th. Jacob will be attending MCC this fall in general studies and plans to transfer to SUNY Canton in two years for Mortuary Science. In July, Beth will marry her best friend from high school, Jason Perfetto. Jason is a computer programmer for Paychex. Beth’s new name will be Elisabeth Perfetto come September!

Caitlin and Brett Shufelt are expecting their first child, a baby girl, in August! Caitlin is a reading teacher at Bernabi, and Brett is a counselor at Bernabi.

Megan Greer, Canal View nurse, is getting married in October. She and her husband will be living in Elmira while he completes his Residency in Internal Medicine.

Dawn Hoadley’s daughter, Madi, will graduate from Spencerport High School this June. Madi recently won the Superintendent’s Award and the Dennis Pelletier Youth Hall of Fame Award from the Town of Ogden. Dawn’s older daughter, Alyssa, also made the Dean’s List this semester at MCC. Dawn teaches Kindergarten at Munn.

As you celebrate milestones and achievements in your personal life this summer, send a quick email to one of these STA members so your happy news can be shared with your colleagues in the September 2018 issue of the STA Newsletter.

Bernabi- Tracey D’Alonzo
Canal View- Sue Chatterton
Munn- Stacy Lonardo
Taylor- Danielle Blossom
Cosgrove- Frank Cafarella
High School- Courtney Hoerner
Best Wishes to Our Members on the Move!

Welcome new nurses, Emily Locke and Catherine Keaton! Emily is the district’s float nurse, and Catherine will be the nurse at Taylor.

Emily Leone was a TA at Bernabi this year. She will start a new job this September as a math teacher in 6th grade at Cosgrove. Emily is also a 2014 SHS graduate!

Christine Purtell is transferring from a math specialist position at Taylor to a math specialist position at Munn.

Lindsay Asselin, Cosgrove Special Education, and her husband will be relocating to Boston, Massachusetts, where her husband will be a Pediatric Neurology Resident at Boston Children’s Hospital. Lindsay plans to substitute teach, keep her eye out for a new job, and get to know the city of Boston!

Jamison Wezelis, Cosgrove Spanish, accepted a middle school Spanish position at his alma mater, Churchville-Chili. We will miss him as a Ranger but wish him all the best as a Saint!

Mikel Westphal, Cosgrove nurse, and her family will be relocating to North Carolina.

Joanna White, Cosgrove reading, and her family will be relocating to South Carolina.

Lisa Tallman, 6th grade math at Cosgrove, accepted a math specialist position at Taylor and will be transferring there this fall.

Megan Greer, Canal View nurse, is getting married and relocating to Elmira.

Happy Trails to You!

STA Calendar of Events

June 1st – New Teacher ice cream celebration at Village Ice Cream shop

June 7th – Spencerport Fireman’s Carnival Kiddie Parade/STA Free Book Distribution

August 29th – New Teacher Luncheon
Our newsletter includes this infographic each issue to remind members about the organized attack to deprofessionalize public education across the country and how we can take action.

An excellent resource to stay informed and to get involved is NYSUT’s Member Action Center. [https://mac.nysut.org/](https://mac.nysut.org/). You can sign up to get action alerts sent to your cell phone each Tuesday. When calling lawmakers or members of the Board of Regents to advocate for our profession, consider using these talking points:

- Oppose vouchers, and ask for your lawmaker’s position
- Oppose charter expansion/lifting the charter cap/increasing funding for charter schools, and ask for your lawmaker’s opinion
- State your support of strong unions for a healthy middle class, and ask for your lawmaker’s opinion on right-to-work legislation
- Call to inform your lawmaker that you are a constituent who supports public education; that you believe charter schools and vouchers are an unsustainable drain on resources meant for real public schools
- Tell your lawmakers to address the root cause of achievement gaps between districts: poverty
- Contact members of the Board of Regents and share issues/topics that you believe should be their focus and priority
- **Oppose the October 2017 SUNY Charter Regulations allowing certain charter schools—some of the state’s largest chains—from certifying their own “teachers” in five weeks of training**
STA Leadership

Officers
John Kozlowski, President*
Joe DiTucci, 1st Vice President*
Jennifer Ott, 2nd Vice President*
Joe DiTucci, PAC Chair*
Jacquelyn Lanpher, Secretary*
Cheri Hall, Treasurer*

Nurses’ Representative
Beth Hoben*

Teaching Assistant President
Laurie Wood*

Munn Building Reps
Matt Fink*
Scott Schwind*

Taylor Building Reps
Danielle Blossom*
Medea Bonny*

Bernabi Building Reps
Ryan Ewanow*
Laurie Scutella*

Canal View Building Reps
Sue Chatterton*
Laura Gannon*

Cosgrove Building Reps
Rob Allen*
Janeen Henry (alternate)*
Doug Lennon*
Emmy Thevanesan*
Teresa Trujillo*

Wilson Building Reps
Kristin Cocchiara*
Becky DiNatale*
Steve Kelley*
Amanda Van Huben*
Jody Wyant*

NYSUT At-Large Delegate
Gretchen Breon*

Political Action Coordinators
Ryan Ewanow
Emmy Thevanesan

PAC Representatives
Ryan Ewanow, Bernabi
Sue Chatterton, Canal View
Stacy Lonardo, Munn
Danielle Blossom, Taylor
Doug Lennon, Cosgrove
Jacquelyn Lanpher, Wilson

Social Media Coordinator
Gretchen Breon

Webmaster
Bryan Swanson

Newsletter Editor
Emmy Thevanesan

BPT Representatives
Ryan Ewanow, Bernabi
Sue Chatterton, Canal View
Stacy Lonardo, Munn
Danielle Blossom, Taylor
Doug Lennon, Cosgrove
Kristin Cocchiara, Wilson

*Denotes Executive Council vote
Financial advice shouldn’t be a one-size-fits-all approach!

Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. -- the program provider of the NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation-endorsed Financial Counseling Program -- understands the unique benefits and retirement options of NYSUT members and how to address your specific financial needs.

There are two types of services available: a Full-Service Program and a 403(b) Advisor Option.

Financial Planning Center
Member Benefits also offers NYSUT members access at no charge to an online Financial Planning Center. Choose from more than 100 modules on a variety of financial topics.

NEW! -- Student Loan & Debt Consolidation Services
The NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation is pleased to announce the endorsement of Cambridge Credit Counseling as a provider to assist NYSUT members and their loved ones with better understanding their student loan re-payment options and/or debt consolidation. Learn more about this new endorsed program by visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org/cambridge.

Expert legal assistance for NYSUT members

The program offers:

- Low annual cost of just $85 ($55 for retirees)
- Unlimited toll-free legal advice
- Includes Simple Will, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy & Living Will
- Two, free, hour-long consultations with a plan attorney

Did you know NYSUT members have access to expert legal assistance for everything from preparing crucial estate planning documents to dealing with traffic violations?

Provided by Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C., the NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed Legal Service Plan offers access to a national network of attorneys that deal with personal legal matters.

For an additional fee, Plan participants can add an Elder Law Rider and/or Business Protection Rider that provides access to attorneys who specialize in these areas.

Learn more by visiting memberbenefits.nysut.org or calling 800-626-8101.

For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.