



**SPENCERPORT  
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**  
*Lifting Education In Our Community*

**Member Newsletter  
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## President's Message

Hello Colleagues,

I sincerely hope you have been able to recharge over the February break. I have enjoyed days with longer amounts of daylight and the mild winter. There are a few things in this update that I want to focus on: My recently concluded building visits with Ms. Swann, Governor Hochul's proposed budget for the 2023/2024 school year and some changes coming to NYSUT.

### Building Visits

As I stated at the beginning of the year, one of my goals was to get out in the buildings more this year. After I concluded my first round of visits in the fall, I approached Ms. Swann and asked her if she wanted to join me for my second round of visits. She agreed, and meetings were scheduled between January 18th and February 10<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank everyone for their input. It was thoughtful, outlined positives as well as areas of need, and certainly provided some areas of focus for the district as budgets are developed and plans made. Ms. Swann and

I met on Friday February 17 for a debrief session. As we talked about the meetings, it was clear that we shared many of the same takeaways. Look for a correspondence from her in the near future outlining action plans. My conversation also reenforced my belief that the district and the members of the STA have many shared interests including wanting to work in a positive, safe environment which fosters an atmosphere of teaching and learning where all people are valued. We will need to work together to overcome some of the challenges presented during the building visits, but I am hopeful that these conversations have helped give the district an understanding of the STA membership perspective.

### Governor's Proposed Pudget

On February 1st, Governor Hochul released her \$227 Billion budget proposal which increased education funding to a record \$34.4 billion.

NYSUT President Andy Palotta had this to say about the proposed budget:

“For years, NYSUT members have been fighting for proper school funding and staff levels. The governor's proposed budget is a historic step in the right direction that promises to dramatically improve our schools and the communities they serve.”

According to preliminary State Aide runs, Spencerport is in line to receive a 14.18% increase in state aide for the 2023-2024 school year. Should the governor's proposal be adopted, it truly is a historic step by fully funding Foundation Aide.

### Changes Coming to NYSUT

There will be changes in the leadership of our statewide union. Last fall, Executive VP Jolene DiBrango announced that she will be retiring from her position at the Representative Assembly (RA) held in April. Recently, President Andrew Palotta also announced his retirement. At the Representative Assembly meeting in late April, NYSUT delegates will be electing a new slate of officers. Updates will follow.

Feel free to reach out if I can be of any assistance,

*In Solidarity,*

*Joe*

# Local News

Welcome back from winter break everyone! Here are some updates on STA events:

The winner of the Bored Teacher raffle tickets was our very own Kelly Wilkins from Cosgrove! Congratulations Kelly!



The STA happy hour at McColley's was a hit! Thank you to all that stopped out to say hello!



The annual STA Food Drive will commence in April. More information will be out soon. Please be on the lookout for the donation area within your building.

Have a great week,  
*Ms. Jacquelyn Lanpher*  
*First Vice-President, STA*



## Upcoming Events

### **Executive Council Meetings**

March 16<sup>th</sup>

April 20<sup>th</sup>

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Executive Council  
meetings take place at  
Cosgrove in Room 626  
at 4:00 PM.



# Executive Council 2022-2023

## Officers:

- President Joe DiTucci
- 1st VP Jacquelyn Lanpher
- 2nd VP Rob Allen
- PAC Chairs Rob Allen and Sue Chatterton
- Secretary Amanda Van Huben
- Treasurer Cheri Hall

## PAC Representatives:

- Bernabi Laurie Palmateer
- Canal View Elissa Kingsbury
- Munn Stacy Lonardo
- Taylor Danielle Blossom
- Cosgrove Janeen Henry
- Wilson Dan Pincelli

## Delegates to the NYSUT Representative Assembly:

- Rob Allen
- Joseph DiTucci
- Jacquelyn Lanpher
- Laurie Palmateer

## Building Representatives:

### Bernabi:

- Ryan Ewanow
- Jennifer Ophardt

### Canal View:

- Sue Chatterton
- Elissa Kingsbury

### Munn:

- Colleen Lachance
- Stacy Lonardo

### Taylor:

- Danielle Blossom
- Rob Pursel

### Cosgrove:

- Frank Cafarella
- Janeen Henry
- Suellan Morton
- Emmy Thevanesan

### Wilson:

- Bridget Herrmann
- Steve Kelley
- Natalie Kirisits
- Dan Pincelli
- Rachel Sherman

### Nurses:

- Wendy Corona
- Colleen Goldstone

### TAs:

- Tina Pocock

## Building Planning Team Representatives:

### Bernabi:

- Laurie Palmateer

### Canal View:

- Sue Chatterton

### Munn:

- Stacy Lonardo

### Terry Taylor:

- Danielle Blossom

### Cosgrove:

- Emmy Thevanesan

### Wilson:

- Steve Kelley

## Social Media Coordinator:

- Bridget Herrmann

## Newsletter Editor:

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- Bryan Swanson

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- Ryan Ewanow



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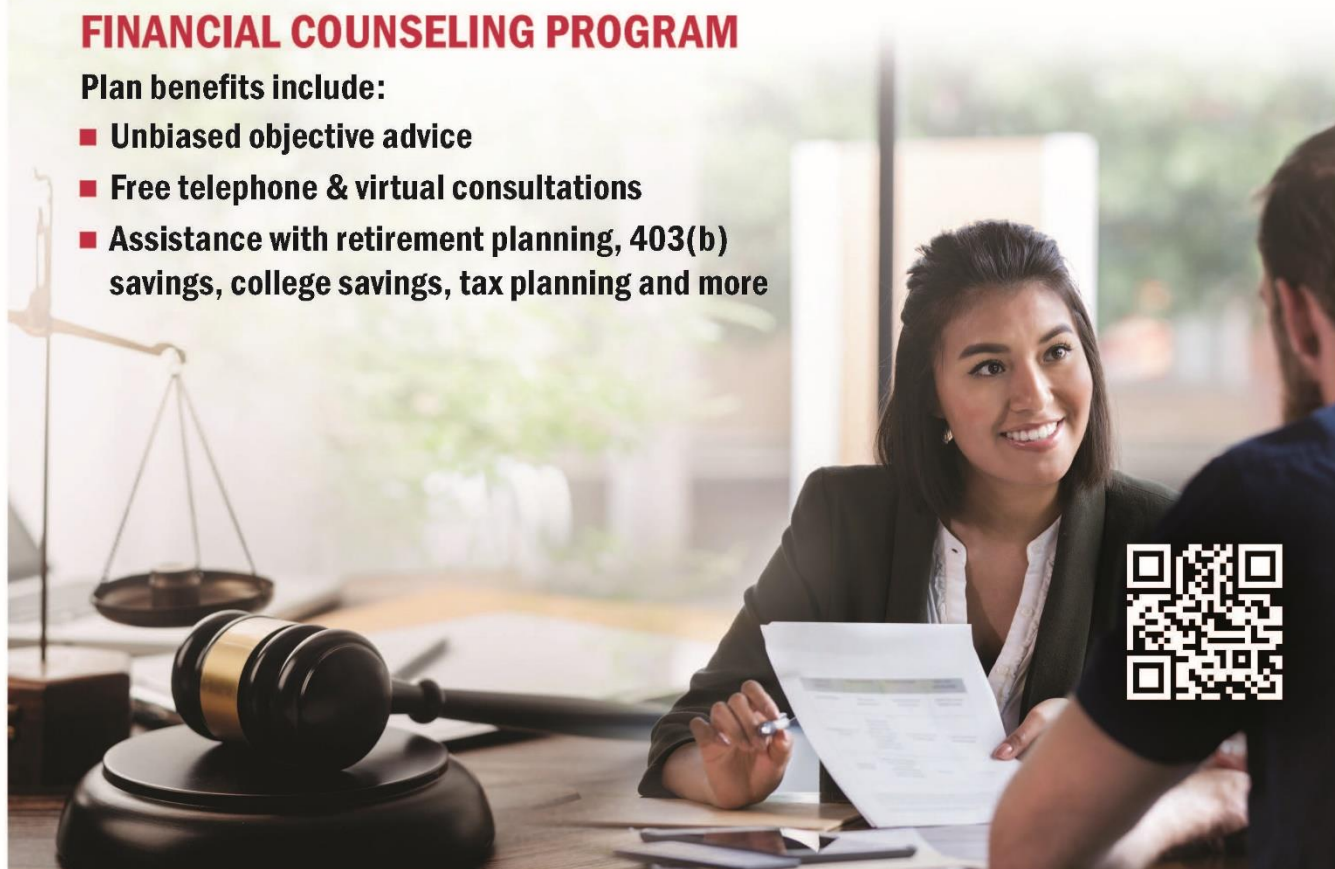
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