



## WFL Association of School Support Personnel

# The Supporter

Get to know Your Union!

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## President's Corner

Healthy Rewards could be like getting an extra paycheck if you participate in the Healthy Blue plan through Excellus. All you have to do is log on to the site and you are on your way to earning your first \$500! You could even get a little more if you have the family plan. I had not participated in the past because I thought it would be difficult and take a long time. I was wrong! It took about 15 minutes to earn \$164 for myself and \$164 for my husband. If you need help see one of the Healthy Blue contact people listed on page three and they will help you out.



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Many of you filled out a card you received from your Building Rep asking for a personnel email address, phone number, home address, etc. The information will be used to create a data base for the union so that we can send out surveys and information pertaining to our contract negotiations. We would also be able to send out information on upcoming events or important upcoming meetings. We promise not to send unnecessary email so if you haven't filled it out yet please take a moment to do so and get it back to your Building

# 5 *Benefits Of Being a NYSUT Member*



1. Higher pay & better benefits
2. A contract you can rely on
3. A strong voice at work
4. Professional learning

## 5. NYSUT Member Benefits

**NYSUT members & their families can choose from a variety of insurance, financial, legal, and shopping & travel programs designed with the NYSUT member in mind -- including term life insurance, auto insurance, legal & financial services, car rentals, vacation packages, and much more!**

## **Member Appreciation Month is back again this February!**

Since it was such a big hit last year, we're doing it again! Member Appreciation Month is coming February 2016.

To be eligible for these drawings, all you need to do is participate in our voluntary MAP Alert email service.

This year will be even bigger because it's a leap year... that means more chances to win even more great prizes!!!

Once again, Member Appreciation Month will be filled with a series of special prize drawings for items donated by Member Benefits and our endorsed program providers. Prizes will include gift cards, Beats headphones, a Go Pro camera and more.



We will announce the winners of these special prize drawings exclusively on the Member Benefits website throughout the month of February.

It's the strength of the more than 600,000 NYSUT members that makes it possible for Member Benefits to offer more than 40 endorsed programs & services designed with you in mind.

For more details about this exciting event, visit the Member Benefits website at [memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://memberbenefits.nysut.org) or call 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.

## NYSUT Committees

**NYSUT** uses special task forces and standing committees to help gather information on timely issues and to initiate policy and position statements for submission to the Board of Directors and RA. Certain constituencies of the membership have their own representatives on the Board, providing input to all Board discussions. Health care, retirees, public and private higher education and School-Related Professionals are all groups that have Board representatives.

The standing committees and task forces currently constituted are BOCES Statewide Conference Planning, Community Colleges, Financial Review, Higher Education, Career and Technical Education, Political Action, Retiree, School-Related Professionals, Small and Rural Locals, Civil & Human Rights, Task Force on Education Policy, Educational Technology, Health & Safety, Special Education, Early Childhood, English Language Learners and Teacher Centers. NYSUT

also has eight content-area committees that advise the organization regarding the standards and assessments in Pre-K-12 schools. They help NYSUT provide a professional response to Regents' initiatives.



## President's Corner Cont.

Rep. We are also trying to get a website up and running, we will send out info on that in the near future.

I am also sending some information on a court case that some of you may have heard of. It's called the Friedrichs case. Please take a moment to read this important information. It pertains to our livelihood and the livelihood of Unions as we know them. We will be planning building meetings in the near future to discuss what will happen if we go to a right to work state.

**The names of the contact people for Healthy Blue are:**

Shane Valliere and Ainslie Evans

Christi Kuhn

Caitlyn Cook and Jennifer Meehan

Elise Comella

Todd Brockhuizen

Shannon Marshall

Kristen Lindo

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# **NYSUT, Your Statewide Union**



NYSUT is a federation of approximately 1,300 local unions representing 600,000 members statewide.

NYSUT members serve in a variety of capacities, including teachers, School-Related Professionals, academic and professional faculty in higher education, professionals in education and health care, municipal, county and state professionals, employees in libraries and non-profit organizations, and retirees. They belong to local affiliates ranging in size from the 200,000-member United Federation of Teachers in New York City to locals of fewer than 10 members. More than 95 percent of the teachers in New York's public elementary and secondary schools are members of NYSUT, along with many other pre-K-12 school employees, including teacher aides and teaching assistants, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, food service personnel, health care professionals, nurses, security personnel and therapists. NYSUT also represents private school and charter school employees.



The academic and professional staffs of the State University, City University and many community colleges and private-sector colleges are members, as are thousands of nurses, psychologists, physicians and other professionals in health care facilities and other governmental agencies. When NYSUT members retire, they enjoy lifetime membership in both NYSUT and the American Federation of Teachers, one of our two national affiliates. Retirees can join

## **Have a great winter break!**

NYSUT's other national affiliate, the National Education Association.

