

SRP NewsLink

A NEWSLETTER FOR SCHOOL-RELATED PROFESSIONALS LOCAL LEADERS

Advisory Committee amplifies SRP voice for the union

Since 1979, NYSUT's School-Related Professionals Advisory Committee has been advising the statewide union on issues important to SRPs.

"Our committee is really representative of NYSUT's SRP membership," said Kim McEvoy, who chairs the committee. "We are from different regions of New York State and we hold a wide variety of SRP titles. So when we work on issues and initiatives, we do so from multiple perspectives. I think that's what makes us so successful in amplifying the voice of the SRP."

Many of the gains SRPs have won over the past years are directly due to the hard work and dedication of these committee members and your elected SRP At-Large Directors, who serve as advisers to the committee.

Committee members attend four advisory meetings per year,



The 2017-20 SRP Advisory Committee. Members serve a three-year term and are appointed by the NYSUT president on recommendation from the member's ED director.

plan the statewide SRP Leadership Conference, take an active role in one of five subcommittees, attend local Election District meetings, keep their area locals informed of pertinent issues and bring your concerns to the full committee.

The committee needs your input. "If you are a local leader who represents SRPs, please contact the committee member closest to your NYSUT ED," said NYSUT Second Vice President Paul

Pecorale. "Share news about your local — your challenges, triumphs and best practices — and learn about what is going on in your region. When we work together, we all benefit."

For more information on contacting committee members, visit nysut.org/srpac or email NYSUT SRP Coordinator Leslie Fottrell at lfottrel@nysutmail.org.



NYSUT EVP Jolene DiBrango, (third from left) with SRP At-Large Directors (from left) Karen Lee Arthmann, Deborah Paulin, Sandie Carner-Shafran, Shelvy Young Abrams and Angie Rivera at the 2017 SRP Leadership Conference.

Register now for the SRP Leadership Conference

Time is running out to register for the 40th Annual SRP Leadership Conference, NYSUT's largest annual professional development and networking conference just for SRPs. We've added many new offerings to the 35 workshops, role-group discussions and general session offerings.

Register at nysut.org/srpconference (requires leader login). Registration ends Sept. 26, 2018. First-time attendees receive a 10% discount.

IMPORTANT DATES:

SRP Leadership Conference
Oct. 12–14
Desmond Hotel, Albany

National School Lunch Week
Oct. 15–19

National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 22–26

State SRP Recognition Day
Nov. 20

It's about your job, your contract, your pension

By Randy Gunther, NYSUT Regional Political Organizer



As the relentless attacks on unions persist, NYSUT members continue to rise up in solidarity, stick with their union and continue to pay their fair share.

But we're still battling corporate interests that dislike having to bargain collectively. Fortunately, NYSUT's vigilant legislative team works with pro-labor legislators in the State Senate and Assembly and in Congress. Their job is difficult because anti-labor/anti-public school organizations and individuals are buying elections.

As we get closer to November elections, we need active and engaged members to ensure our collective voice is heard in the state and federal capitols. We need to send a clear message: No to privatization in our schools; no to unsafe working conditions; yes to a secure retirement; yes to quality, affordable pub-

lic education for our students.

How can you help? Contact your Regional Political Organizer. Your RPO is tasked with the job of getting pro-education/pro-labor candidates, who were endorsed by your union, elected. We can't outspend our opponents; however, we have the people to get our candidates elected. Call your regional office and find out when members are gathering to make calls to other members and do other activities. It is fun and you will make a lot of new friends and meet many new people.

You can find your RPO, by region, here: nysut.org/rpo

The goals of our union are very simple. To ensure:

- Good jobs that pay a decent wage, allow a voice at work and provide a secure retirement;
- Affordable, accessible and high-quality health care;

How will you celebrate SRPs Nov. 20?

SRP Recognition Day is Nov. 20.

Order your free Celebration Packet — which includes “Proud Union SRP” stickers, a poster, flier and celebration ideas — by visiting: nysut.org/eReg/SRPREC2018.



- Great public schools that are safe and welcoming; and
- A strong and vibrant democracy to fight back against discrimination, hatred and bigotry.

Nothing is guaranteed, but if you do not get involved to help ensure our state and national representatives work to serve the people, we will all be stuck with the consequences.

Get involved now!

NYSUT Social Services can help with beginning of school year blues

Summer is over and school has begun and although this happens every year, it often does not make the transition any easier. September represents the beginning of a more hectic routine with more pressure and expectations placed upon staff than the more relaxed summer routines.

When transitions occur we must adjust, which is always a stress whether it's a good change or not. Some changes we experience in the autumn include shorter days, colder temperatures, hectic morning routines, change in sleep patterns, in-

creased demands on time and energy, fatigue and less time to relax.

However, with every new start, there are opportunities to do things differently and maybe better. This may lead to positive changes such as chances to “do over” what we feel we didn't do so well the year before. It may also be an opportunity to forge new friendships and alliances.

Remember that a certain degree of anxiety and fatigue is expected until a new routine is established. But if you are having a difficult transition with persistent feelings of be-

ing overwhelmed and anxious, you may reach out to NYSUT Social Services to discuss the problem. This is a confidential referral service for members and their families that can provide resources in your community to help you manage the stresses.

Contact NYSUT Social Services at 800-342-9810, ext. 6206.

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