



New York State School-Related Professionals Recognition Day

History

The celebration of School-Related Professionals Recognition Day is the direct result of a resolution submitted by more than a dozen local unions at the 2002 NYSUT Representative Assembly. Resolution 48 “School-Related Personnel — Employee Recognition Day” was approved.

Years of advocacy by the NYSUT Legislative Department were rewarded with SRP Recognition Day signed on a yearly basis. The bill creating a permanent School-Related Professionals Recognition Day was signed into law in 2007. School-Related Professionals Recognition Day shall be celebrated on the third Tuesday of November, often during American Education Week.

NYSUT urges every school district to use this day to celebrate and honor the work of all School-Related Professionals — inside and outside the classroom.



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SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

For more information contact:

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For Immediate Release:

**[Your school's name] to honor SRPs with [type of celebration]
School-Related Professionals Day, November [Date]**

[Your city, N.Y., Date] The third Tuesday of November is New York State School-Related Professionals Recognition Day. This year the date is [DATE].

To celebrate [your school or district name] is planning [describe your event, for example, a student art show]. [Your school name] has been decorated with student artwork, photographs and essays celebrating the contribution of all our SRPs. [Your school name] principal [name] will open the exhibit with a ribbon cutting at 5 p.m., with reception to follow immediately. SRPs and the public are invited to tour the building and view the art show.

SRPs are the dedicated support staff that make public schools run smoothly. SRPs help educate, transport and feed children, and keep children safe in school. They are the bus drivers and attendants, aides, teaching assistants, cafeteria workers, secretaries, health services personnel and custodians.

In 2007, the bill creating a permanent School-Related Professionals Recognition Day was signed into law. This legislation was co-sponsored by Assemblywoman Barbara Clark, D-Queens, and Sen. John DeFrancisco, R-Syracuse. School-Related Professionals Recognition Day is celebrated on the third Tuesday of November, often during American Education Week.