
Professional Support Personnel (PSP Local #6074)

November 2023 Newsletter

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Overview

Hello All PSP Members,

Happy November all PSP members! We hope this monthly newsletter finds you well. If any member has any questions, concerns, or comments- we urge you to reach out to your delegate or a member of the executive committee.

In solidarity,

Your PSP Executive Committee



Remember, we are stronger together!

WHAT'S INSIDE

NEWS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Outlining some updates/news for our members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Two Upcoming events.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

We want to hear from you!
Connect with us.

PSP NEWS



Union Website, The PSP executive committee & delegates are continuing to work on a union website & a PSP logo. Stay tuned for updates!

Successor Agreement, Our successor agreement went into effect 7/1/23. This new agreement has been uploaded to the BOCES website. [Click Here](#)

Fix Tier 6, NYSUT campaign to improve Tier 6 retirement benefits. [Click here for more Info.](#)

Stipend Information, There have been some questions regarding stipends. We would like our membership to know the union supports stipends for our members (for regular on-call basis or special assignments). Please refer to the contract for specific language or reach out to union representatives for further information.

Looking for Volunteers, PSP is looking for a handful of members to help perform PSP's Annual Internal Financial review tentatively scheduled for January 2024. Please reach out to Samantha Montes to help or with any questions.

Questions or Concerns, If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the officers or your delegate. We are working on your behalf. Let us know what we are doing well and on what we can improve. We would love to hear from you!

NYSUT NEWS

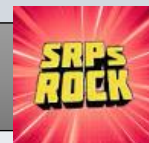


Lunar New Year Added to School Calendar, The Governor signed legislation into law adding Lunar New Year to the list of holidays schools are required to observe and therefore all school districts must be closed on that day. The law, however, does not require school districts to observe the holiday if Lunar New Year falls on a Saturday or Sunday. While the law takes effect immediately, it will not impact the 2023-2024 school calendar as Lunar New Year falls on Saturday, February 10th, 2024.

New Civil Service Law Amendment, Governor Hochul signed bill S5494/A7155, which credits all time spent in a provisional civil service position towards the probationary period of the employee subsequently appointed into that position. A number of civil service positions do not run tests frequently, which creates a real challenge for people in provisional appointments (often in BOCES settings). This amendment is an important part of moving the provisional status for these employees to its intended role - a short, limited placement that supports staffing rather than eroding it.

Discounted Sabres Tickets- NYSUT members receive discounted tickets for home games between 10/19/2023-04/04/2024 [Click here for discounted Sabres tickets](#)

Upcoming Events



[School Related Professional Recognition Day \(November 21, 2024\)](#)

A day honoring school related professionals & their hard work. As always, we appreciate and value all our members & what you do daily to make a difference in our schools/workplaces.

[Annual Membership Meeting](#)

The PSP membership team is currently brainstorming ideas for annual membership meeting tentatively scheduled for Spring 2024. We are hoping to get some ideas/feedback from our membership regarding topics they would like discussed at the annual meeting.

Being ready for the holidays can mean a lot of different things:

- Gifts for your loved ones
- Appliances for your home
- Confirming travel plans
- Entertainment for the kids
- Food delivery in case of inclement weather
- Savings set aside for unexpected expenses

NYSUT Member Benefits offers dozens of endorsed programs and services that could help make you as prepared as possible for whatever the holiday season may throw at you.

No matter what your plans may be this holiday season, NYSUT Member Benefits is a great place to start. With a number of shopping, travel and discount programs, you are certain to find something of interest that could benefit you or your loved ones.

Speaking of savings, the **Member Benefits Discounts & Deals** program utilizes the nation's largest private discount network to offer all NYSUT members (both in-service and retiree) exclusive access to savings of up to 50% at 850,000 locations – including more than 21,200 New York State deals. If you have not already done so, head over to mbdeals.enjoymydeals.com to create your account with your NYSUT ID number, preferred email address, and password.

You'll then be eligible to save on restaurant dine-in or take-out, flowers and gift baskets, Bose products, clothing and shoes, oil changes and vehicle maintenance, sporting events, hotels and flights, car rentals, theme parks, movie tickets, and much more. Members are encouraged to download the MB Discounts & Deals mobile app for the best user experience with this program.

Member Benefits also endorses life insurance programs, auto & home insurance, dental & vision plans, legal & financial services, and other programs to help protect yourself and those you care about most.

Participating in Member Benefits-endorsed programs also offers the added protection of having a trusted advocate on their side. Member Benefits staff take great pride in stepping in to support members with any questions, concerns, or issues that may arise.

Explore all that your union membership has to offer!



Learn more by scanning the QR code to the left, 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.

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