

USA Newsletter

June 2025

USA Union Officers:

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Shelly Ackendorf
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Meeting Dates 24-25:

Sept.10th-Baker
Oct.8th-Hewes
Nov. 5th-Zoom
Dec. 10th-Zoom
Jan. 7th-Zoom
Feb. 4th-Zoom
March 4th-Zoom
April 8th-LoC
May 6th-Carrier
June 3rd-LoC

USA Building Reps:

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Please click the link below to see which centers each Rep. covers.

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Your USA Union Board met at Loguidice at 4pm on June 3rd for our last meeting of the school year!. It has been quite a long year and everyone should be proud of the work they have done! Summer months give a good chance to rest and recharge. Relax and take pride it what you have done this year! We will see you in August for opening day or at your centers in September! Be watching for events & gatherings coming your way in the fall. If you are interested in joining your union board and making a difference for our members, please send a letter of interest to Carey Casillo-Young.



Unions not only help their members-but perform acts of service to the community as well! The italian dinner basket (left) has been donated for raffle to the WNY Foster Closet. The Buffalo Bills basket (right) is going to the Lindsay Matthews Memorial Scholarship Run. Special shout out to Barbara Reinagel for assembling and distributing the baskets!





Our local union is huge and continuously adding new members! It's incredible the growth we have seen. That is why we now have a website to keep you in the know as things happen! Check in from time to time for updates on upcoming events and how we would like member to get involved!

Welcome to the Flip Side!

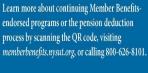




Maintaining NYSUT membership in retirement is crucial, especially if you're currently participating in a NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed program(s) and would like to continue doing so. This can be accomplished in one of two ways:

- 1 Continue membership within your local if retiree membership is offered. Contact your local to find out if any retiree membership requirements are in place. You must comply with these requirements to continue your membership in NYSUT along with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and National Education Association (NEA).
- 2 Continue as an at-large member of NYSUT through the Retiree Council in your region. Contact your local to ensure you will be reported as retired to NYSUT. This will provide you with membership in the Retiree Council in your region along with NYSUT, AFT, and NEA. If you have questions about maintaining NYSUT membership or would like more information about NYSUT retiree programs, you will want to contact the NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant serving your region. You can find this information at nysut.cc/retireeconsultants.

More than a dozen of the endorsed programs offered by Member Benefits can be purchased through either payroll or pension deduction. These convenient payment methods offer reduced premiums or the elimination of service fees in many instances. An active NYSUT membership is required to participate in payroll or pension deduction. If you're currently participating in one (or more) of our endorsed programs, we encourage you to look into switching to pension deduction after you enter retirement.









HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

We know how to fix this .. but we can't do it without you. Whether vou're a retiree or a Tier 4, 5 or 6 men



Tier 6 member, retiring at 55 with 30 years, would only receive 26.4 percent of his Final Average Salary — after paying tens of thousands more into the system. WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

HOW BAD IS IT?

Fixing Tier 6 is about solidarity and fairness It's unfair that some NYSUT members must work longer, and contribute more, to earn a significantly reduced pension. This should anger ALL union members.

Fixing Tier 6 is about dignity.

hallmark of a public-service career is the mise of a dignified retirement. With Tier 6, the



Thursday, August 28, 2025

Opening day is not mandatory for 10-month employees. You will get paid if you attend.