



USA NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Your Elected Board:

The Nomination & Elections Committee initiated a vote of officers for the next three-year term running from July 2026-June 2029. Petitions and bios were due by May 7, 2026. All offices were uncontested.

Roberts Rules of Order:

This allows for the secretary to cast one ballot for the entire slate of uncontested nominees. This will be done at the next board meeting on June 11, 2026.

Your Union Officers:

President: Carey Casillo-Young

Vice President: Christopher Auge

Treasurer: Barbara Reinagel

Secretary: Angela Bacon

4 Northern Reps: Kristen Knab, Tera Baker-Clerc (2 vacant)

4 Central Reps: Shelly Ackendorf, Carl Makuch, Stephanie Duenas (1 vacant)

4 Southern Reps: Amy Albright, Kim Eddy, Denise Waterman (1 vacant)

Congratulations to all!!!

Reminders

Please complete the mandatory GCN training titled: ***Annual Presentation: Restraint, Seclusion, Timeout, Behavior, De-escalation*** by June 20, 2026.

Upcoming Events

- The next USA Board Meeting will be meeting in LoGuidice A Building-Large Group Room at 4pm on June 11, 2026.

Contact Info

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Negotiation Ideas:

What we are looking for:

Matters that matter most to you!
Take a look at your current contract and tell us what you like and what you want us to fight for!

Ideas so far:

Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Shorter contract term (3-4 yrs)
- Paid maternity leave
- Re-evaluate bereavement time.
- Etc.

Please email: Abacon@e2ccb.org with any thoughts and ideas. Remember to try to keep it to contract items only.

We appreciate your patience and feedback as we begin to navigate this process. Any questions—please email me!

Reminders

If you are a Teaching Assistant and are considering leaving BOCES: per NYSED, you must give 30-day notice just like a teacher because you are a certified position!



Website Info:

Looking for up-to-date info and exciting news from your union? Visit: usaunion.org



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Fix Tier 6

"You may have seen media reports and online speculation about Tier 6 negotiations. At this point, budget discussions are ongoing, and there is no final agreement yet. As soon as we have confirmed details, we will share them directly with you.

What we do know is this: the pressure our members have applied over the past several months has mattered. From regional rallies across the state to our massive March 8 rally in Albany, NYSUT members have made it impossible for lawmakers to ignore this issue.

Please keep the pressure on and tell our lawmakers: the time to Fix Tier 6 is now! You can contact lawmakers and share posts from our Fix Tier 6 toolkit by visiting:
<https://fixtier6.org/takeaction>."

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Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

ADVENTURE
BARBECUE
BASEBALL
BEACH
CAMP
EXPLORE
FIREWORKS
FISHING
FLIP FLOPS
FREEDOM
FRIENDS
FUN
GRADUATION
HIKING
ICE CREAM
LEMONADE
NO HOMEWORK
PARTY
PICNIC
POOL
RELAXATION
SOCCER
SUMMER
SUNSHINE
SURFING
SWIMMING
TENNIS
TRAVEL
VACATION
WATERMELON

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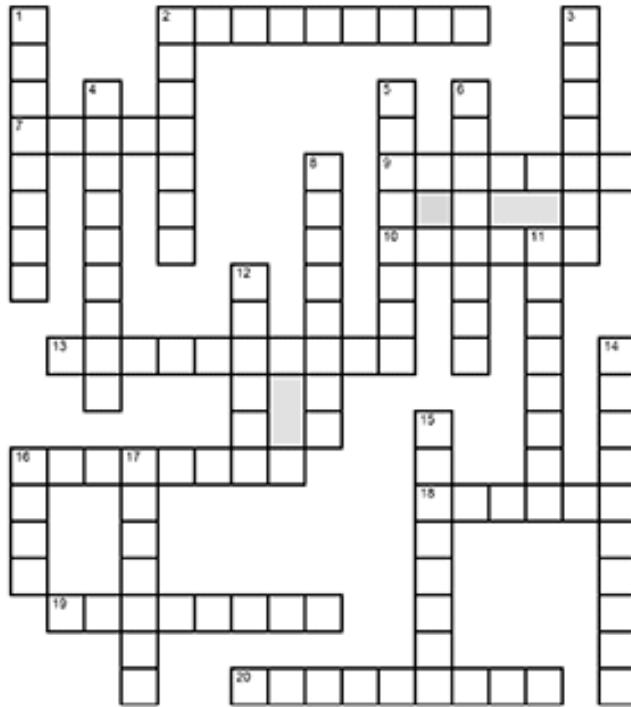
School's OUT!

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2. July Fourth entertainment in the sky.
7. Sandy area by the ocean.
9. Outdoor activity of staying over-night in a tent.
10. Sport played with a racket and ball.
13. Ceremony marking the completion of school.
16. Frozen treat on a stick.
18. Warmest season of the year.
19. Doing the crawl or the backstroke.
20. Casual footwear worn in summer.

DOWN

1. Outdoor cooking event with grilled food.
2. Sport using a pole, a line and a lure.
3. People you enjoy spending time with.
4. Summer recreation area with slides.
5. Time off from work or school.
6. Refreshing citrus drink.



8. Solar light and warmth.
11. Cold, sweet frozen dessert.
12. Journey to different places.
14. Large fruit, green on the outside and red on the inside.

15. Sport played on a diamond.
16. Water-filled area for swimming.
17. Riding waves on a board.

Barbecue	Flip Flops	Popsicle	
Baseball	Friends	Summer	Travel
Beach	Graduation	Sunshine	Vacation
Camping	Ice Cream	Surfing	Watermelon
Fireworks	Lemonade	Swimming	Waterpark
Fishing	Pool	Tennis	

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Summer Fun Recipe

Eclair Cake



Ingredients

3 cups milk

1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

2 (3.5 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix

1 (16 ounce) package graham cracker squares

1 (16 ounce) package prepared chocolate frosting

Directions

Gather all ingredients.

Stir milk, whipped topping, and pudding mix together in a medium bowl until well combined.

Arrange a single layer of graham cracker squares in the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking pan.

Evenly spread half of the pudding mixture over the crackers; top with another layer of crackers and the remaining pudding mixture. Top with a final layer of graham crackers. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Spread frosting over the chilled cake up to the edges of the pan. Cover again and chill for at least 3 ½ hours before serving.

Enjoy!

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Member Benefits covers all your summer needs!



May/June 2026

No matter what your upcoming plans include, NYSUT Member Benefits can help turn this summer into one that you'll always remember.

If you're seeking excitement, look no further than the Grand Circle Travel & Overseas Adventure Travel program. NYSUT members enjoy reduced pricing (at least a \$150 savings per trip along with many other discount opportunities) on a variety of international and domestic tours, including new "Immersion" adventures (8-12 days in length) designed for travelers seeking a more active style of adventure. "Immersion" tours combine iconic destinations, authentic cultural experiences, and dynamic outdoor activities.

Transform your indoor or outdoor

living space with a variety of options from Purchasing Power. Eligible NYSUT members can browse from thousands of items and pay over 12 months through payroll deduction or Automated Clearing House (ACH) withdrawals. Save 20% on your first order and at least 10% on all subsequent purchases. While not a discount program, Purchasing Power offers the benefits of no credit check, no hidden fees, and fixed payments.

Thinking about upgrading your home with new appliances, countertops, or kitchen cabinets? The Buyer's Edge, Inc. buying service program can be

used to purchase these items and many others such as new or used vehicles, televisions, furniture, mattresses, desktop and laptop computers, home security systems, and more (all backed by a low price guarantee). With Buyer's Edge, you have the option of purchasing online, by phone, or in-person (in certain benefit categories and geographic regions).

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE BENEFITS AND MANY OTHERS

Scan the QR code, visit mb-nysut.org/summerplanning, or call 800-626-8101.

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