



## President's Report

March 2022

### 1. Correspondence

- a. From the VSCHSD requesting permission for sixth period assignments;
- b. To the VSCHSD granting permission for sixth period assignments;
- c. From PERB scheduling a hearing concerning IP charge

### 2. Negotiations

The VS 13 Teaching Assistant Unit continues to negotiate with meeting dates set through May.

The Teacher Aides in District 13 have completed a survey to begin the negotiation process. Results will be shared with members of the Unit on Monday, March 14th.

The Teachers Unit has completed a survey of the membership. The results were discussed with the Survey group on March 8, 2022. The results will be made available to all members through email and posting on the Member Only section of the website.

### 3 Grievance(s)

Discussion with the VSCHSD has continued and written stipulations to settle the matters of Back to School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, and Sixth Assignments are expected. The PERB charge concerning Sign In and Out continues with a hearing scheduled for March 17th.

### 4. Election Committee

Members are still needed for the Election Committee. The committee will include one member from each of the 14 buildings and should not be a currently elected member or a member seeking election. This committee will stay in place and continue to work on



the review of VSTA Election Policy next year. If you are interested in serving on this committee please let your Unit Leader know as soon as possible.

#### 5. Opt-Out

The VSTA continues to support the Opt-Out movement and maintains that teachers and students should never be evaluated by a flawed testing system. The VSTA will run ads in the Valley Stream Herald on March 10th and March 24th.

#### 6. NYSUT early endorsement of Governor Hochul

Some NYSUT members have questioned the decision to endorse early. A separate letter will be sent to all members offering insight into NYSUT's decision.

#### 7. **Change of Date for April Executive Council - April 26, 2022 (TUESDAY)**

The change in date accommodates the Spring Recess. Following the meeting, there will be a training offered to all Exec Council Representatives and Unit Leaders by NYSUT LRS, Jessie Leiken. The two topics have been determined by feedback received from Executive Council members and will include a Q and A about FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) and Social Media and Educators.

In solidarity,

Noele Villa, President  
Ginger Calderaro, Vice-President  
Ellyn Fitzgerlad, Vice- President  
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Ron Rini, Treasurer



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