

MONTHLY REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP

November, 2019

NEW OFFICE

We SHOULD be in the new office by December. We may be asking for some volunteers to help us box files prior to the move, information will follow.

WELFARE FUND INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Informational meetings have been set-up to provide members information about an optional change that members *may* select involving Excess Major Medical and Improved Eye Care. Members are strongly urged to attend one of the remaining scheduled meetings. A representative from JJ Stanis will be in attendance to answer all questions.

Tuesday, December 3, Howell Road School – 3:30

WEB-SITE FOR VSTA GEAR

A long talked about idea is here!! Patrice Davidson (C) and John Reece (24) have gone live with the VSTA Webstore. The store will be opened from 11/2 – 11/25. A link was sent to you directly via our weekly e-mail, and the link has also been added to our website, www.vsteachers.org. The plan is to open the store at least two more times this school year. The webstore host handles all orders and deliveries. If you have any items or ideas for the store in the future please contact Patrice or John with the information. VSTA is in no way profiting from this website sale, thus keeping the prices as low as possible. Please plan to still wear **Red on Tuesdays**, even though some items on the webstore are available in other colors.

NON-MEMBERS RETRUNING TO ACTIVE STATUS: (Proposed Constitutional Amendment)

As you are already aware this is a potential problem brought on by the Janus Supreme Court Case. VSTA is currently not facing a specific problem, however Constitutional Language is needed to head off any potential problem in the future. The proposed Amendment below was reviewed by NYSUT legal, and at

our October Executive Committee meeting (PAC), then reviewed at the October Executive Board meeting. In accordance with the unions constitution once the above steps have been completed an Executive Board vote must take place. An affirmative vote by the Executive Board was taken at our November 14th meeting thereby we will schedule a full membership vote for November 26th in accordance with the VSTA Constitution. Sample ballots will be posted in each building.

Article III: Membership

Sub-Section(s) NEW

3. In order for a member to regain membership once his/her membership has lapsed due to failure to pay dues, said member must make an application, in writing to the Executive Board. Additionally all past dues must be paid prior to submitting a written request to the Executive Board. Any and all additional lapses in dues payment, causing a non-member to seek to opt back into VSTA will also be accompanied by an additional 20% payment. Said payment will be calculated as 20% of the total unpaid dues amount, as well as the unpaid dues.