



President's Report

April 2022

1. Correspondence

- a. From the VSCHSD requesting permission for sixth period assignments;
- b. To the VSCHSD granting permission for sixth period assignments;
- c. To the VSCHSD, VS13, VS24, VS30 requesting dates for negotiations for the Teacher Unit;
- d. To VS13 requesting dates for negotiations for the Classroom and Media Aides Unit;
- e. From the VSCHSD Stipulations of Settlement regarding Back to School Night/Parent Teacher Conferences and Sixth Assignments

2. Negotiations

The VS 13 Teaching Assistant Unit continues to negotiate with a meeting on April 28th.

The Teacher Aides in District 13 have completed a survey to begin the negotiation process. Results were shared with members of the Unit on Monday, March 14th. Proposals were developed and meeting dates have been requested to begin the Negotiation process.

The Teachers Unit has requested meeting dates.

3 Grievance(s)

Written stipulations to settle the matters of Back to School Night, Parent Teacher Conferences, and Sixth Assignments have been received by the VSTA.

There was a PERB meeting on March 17th concerning Sign In and Out. Discussion will continue

4. Election Committee



The Election Committee will be meeting this week. There are no contested elections for Unit Leader or Executive Council Representative. All VSTA members will vote on May 10th to maintain NYSUT affiliation as outlined in the VSTA Constitution.

5. Opt-Out

The VSTA continues to support the Opt-Out movement. ELA Testing in Grades 3-8 has concluded with the Math assessments being administered this week. Opt-Out numbers Will be shared at the conclusion of testing.

6. Eid al-Fitr Holiday Observance

There has been some confusion concerning the observance of the Eid holiday. The date for observance was provided to the Valley Stream Superintendents by the local Muslim organization in Valley Stream. Eid al Fitr celebrations may last over several days.

7. Board Elections and Budget Vote

The Political Action Committee will be interviewing candidates for the upcoming school board elections. There are contested elections in VS13 and VS24. Please do what you can to support the budget votes not only in Valley Stream, but in your home districts.

8. ERS Retirement Seminars

NYSUT will be hosting two ZOOM Retirement Seminars for members of the New York State and Local Retirement System. Links for registration have been emailed to members of the VS13 ClassroomAide Unit, EOP Unit and Nurses Unit.

In solidarity,

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Ginger Calderaro, Vice-President

Ellyn Fitzgerald, Vice- President

John Reece, Vice-President

Ron Rini, Treasurer



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