

# INFORMATION, NEWS AND SUPPORT SPEAK OUT! PITTSFORD DISTRICT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



## NYSUT Member Benefits Stephanie Warchol, President

When you join PDTA, you automatically join our affiliate organizations, one of which is New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). NYSUT is comprised of nearly 700,000 people who work in or are retired from New York's schools, colleges, and healthcare facilities. NYSUT is a federation of more than 1,200 local unions, each representing its own members. Many of our members see first-hand the benefits that come with their PDTA membership because of the "boots on the ground" work we do within the district. I thought I would take some time to encourage you to explore the benefits you receive through NYSUT as well.

First, if you haven't logged in to the NYSUT webpage recently, or ever, this could be impacting PDTA's ability to connect with you as well. Go to [NYSUT.org](https://www.nysut.org) and click in the upper right corner where it says "LOGIN". Here you can create an account, log in, or request your NYSUT ID. We often have members requesting their NYSUT ID from us in the PDTA office, but you can easily find it here:

I am shopping at a store with a teacher discount, I just open my Apple Wallet on my phone and show it to the cashier. Directions for adding your NYSUT membership card to your Google/Apple Wallet can be found on the My NYSUT page once you log in.

If you still prefer a paper copy, you can also print one, but NYSUT is transitioning away from printing cards to greatly reduce the environmental impact of printing and mailing nearly 700,000 member cards.

Once you are logged in, you will now find your name in the upper right-hand corner. It is incredibly important to

take a moment to click "Update Profile" to make sure we have your current contact information. Here you have the ability to update your email address; please make sure a personal email address is listed, not the one from PCSD. You can also update your NYSUT email subscriptions. PDTA utilizes this database and will often pull your email, phone, or home address for our own communication, so please make sure

- Edit Your Profile
- + Email
- + Email Subscriptions
- + Contact Information
- + Password
- + Security Questions

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those records are accurate.

Once you have finished making sure your information is up to date, click on the "FOR MEMBERS" tab near the top.

Here you will find information and resources on a variety of topics that could be useful to you. This includes their most popular link, to the NYSUT Member Benefits Page! Here members can find FREE benefits like the Peer Support Line, Premium Calm App Service, Student Loan Counseling, and much more. You can also find discounts on services such as insurance, legal and finance, and deals for shopping, travel and personal service.

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Speaking of your NYUST ID, did you know that you can now download your NYSUT digital membership card directly to a device, which provides you easier access to benefits? Anytime

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Finally, the NYSUT Member Guide will give you an overview and history of NYSUT. It also has valuable information on collective bargaining, professional development, APPR, political action, retirement, and a whole host of other topics. Check out the guide here: <https://www.nysut.org/members/member-guide>.



## Resolution Specialist Jennifer Villareale

### Know your Contract: Prolonged Illness Days (3-2, 29-2, 49-2)

Prolonged Illness Days are one of the most important protections in our contract. These days are designed to provide income security if you experience a serious extended personal illness. Under the prolonged illness section(s) of the contract, all full-time employees with three or more years of District service are granted 25 Prolonged Illness Days at the end of their third, eighth, thirteenth, and eighteenth year of service. It is important to note that these days are awarded at the end of those service years, not at the beginning, and they are tracked separately from your regular sick leave.

**So how do they work?** Prolonged Illness Days are used only when your personal illness extends beyond 15 consecutive school days. The first 15 days of a continuous illness are charged to your regular sick leave. However, once you reach the sixteenth consecutive day, the contract provides an important safeguard: the sick days you used for that illness are restored to your personal sick bank and the entire absence is instead charged to your Prolonged Illness Days. From that point forward, Prolonged Illness Days continue to be used for that illness until you return to work or the

Prolonged Illness Days are exhausted. These days may only be used for your own personal illness, not for family illness or personal business.

This structure protects your accumulated sick leave in the event of a long-term medical situation. Rather than depleting your regular sick bank, the contract ensures that extended illnesses are covered by a separate reserve. The contract also requires that personal illness and prolonged illness days be maintained as separate records, which is why you will see them listed independently in WinCap.

Members also frequently ask whether Prolonged Illness Days are paid out at retirement. They are not. These days are intended as protection during extended illness while you are employed, not as a retirement payout benefit.

Prolonged Illness Days are a valuable but specific protection. If you ever experience a medically documented absence approaching or exceeding 15 consecutive school days, it is wise to monitor your balances to ensure the proper conversion occurs. As always, please reach out if you would like help reviewing your individual situation.

## NYSUT Winter Conference 2026



Left to Right: PDTA Leaders Connie, Brandon, Stephanie, Farida, Kelly

# NYSTRS

## New York State Teachers' Retirement System Annual Meeting for Delegates, November 2-3, 2025

By Kathleen Curtis



Pittsford Delegates Kathleen Curtis and Stephanie Warchol attended the NYSTRS Annual Meeting to accomplish two goals: elect a teacher delegate to the NYSTRS Board and attend seminar presentations to share with colleagues. Below you will find highlights and valuable links pertaining to those goals!

### There are three Active Teacher Members on the Ten Member Retirement Board for NYSTRS:

- Eric J. Berger from Bayport Blue Point Union Free School District was elected to the NYSTRS Board in 2021.
- Donald A. Little III from Syracuse City School District was elected to the NYSTRS Board in 2024.
- Natalie McKay was appointed by the NYS Commissioner of Education to the Retirement Board in August 2025. The Delegates voted to approve Natalie as the third teacher member on the NYSTRS Board on November 3, 2025. Natalie currently teaches and serves as the Teachers Association President in the Schoharie Central School District.



The mission of NYSTRS is to provide members with a secure pension. The Vision: To be the model for pension fund excellence and exceptional customer service. NYSTRS is among the best-funded plans in the nation. NYSTRS attributes its success to three primary qualities: (1) contributions are collected from employees and employers on time and in full, (2) investments are diversified and long term, and (3) system governance.

Workshop Highlights and the complete sessions can be found [here](#).

Remember to carefully review your **Benefits Profile** that you received in November through your secure MyNYSTRS account. If you are within seven years of retirement, consider attending a PREP seminar. If you are within 3 years of retirement make an appointment to talk with a Benefits Consultant by calling 1-800-348-7298, Ext. 6100.

### Members are encouraged to use MyNYSTRS

[MyNYSTRS](#) offers secure, online access to your benefit information in one convenient place. MyNYSTRS allows members to manage their account, review benefits, and even message securely with a NYSTRS representative.

### Ready to Retire Webinar Recording Available

The "[Ready to Retire](#)" webinar helps members in your district to prepare for retirement with confidence. Designed for members nearing retirement,

this NYSTRS webinar addresses important information, including:

- The pension calculation.
- Important service milestones and their impact on a member's pension calculation.
- Pension payment options.
- Death benefits and their continuation into retirement.
- Filing for retirement.

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## SRP Newslink Connie Maust

**Important message for those in District Based Programs or working with students with unique needs eligible for**

### **the stipend:**

There was some confusion about the first-semester stipend schedule. I reached out to HR and Payroll, and it has been confirmed that eligible recipients will receive their stipend no later than the March 31 payroll. Going forward, stipends will be paid with the January 31 payroll to coincide with the end of the semester.

If you are eligible and do not receive your stipend, please let me know so I can follow up.

### **Spring Para Academy**

Registration is open on WinCapWeb for spring offerings of the Para Academy courses. These are paid learning opportunities! Here are some highlights:

- *Navigating Teams: Monday, March 23.* You will learn to navigate Teams so that you can help support students using Teams.
- *CPI Refresher* - To keep your CPI certification up to date, you must participate in a two-hour refresher each year. The final opportunity for this school year will be on Thursday, April 9. The CPI Refresher is designed to help improve your understanding of the key program concepts, enhance your skills, and answer any questions you may have about how to apply the information to your classroom realities. In this training, you will learn to develop a greater understanding of the course concepts, problem solving and strengthen crisis intervention skills, and demonstrate ability and confidence in applying course content and skills.
- *Supporting Anxious Students-* In this workshop, on

Monday, April 20, the focus will be on how you can effectively support students experiencing anxiety in school settings. You will learn to recognize common signs of anxiety, understand how anxiety can show up in behavior, and practice simple, developmentally appropriate strategies to help students feel safe and regulated. The session emphasizes what we as paraprofessionals can do in the moment while working collaboratively with teachers and support staff.

- **First Aid and CPR/AED Initial Certification for Staff-** There will be two sections of training open to staff on Wednesday, April 8 or Thursday, May 14 from 3:30 to 6:30. This class is for initial certification of First Aid and CPR/AED for PCSD Staff.

### **Mark your calendars:**

- SRP Members considering retirement in June who are eligible for the Career Award are encouraged to review the contractual provisions and adhere to the related timelines.
- Letters are due to Human Resources by Monday, April 6 (due to April 1 falling during Spring Break). Here is the [Retirement Information and Resources guide](#) on the PDTA website. Please contact the PDTA office if you have any questions.
- PDTA Chicken BBQ & Budget Vote- May 19, CRMS
- PCSD Retirement & Recognition Party- June 3, Ravenwood Golf Club
- PDTA Active Member Meeting- June 8, SHS LGI

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your building representatives or me by email ([connie\\_maust@pittsford.monroe.edu](mailto:connie_maust@pittsford.monroe.edu)) or ext. 1026.



## Executive Vice President Kim Chesko

I hope everyone is enjoying this lovely “lamb weather” as we enter March. Hopefully the “lion weather” is over and spring is here!

A few reminders as we enter spring:

### **PTSA**

You can still join PTSA! The T stands for Teacher and our Pittsford PTSA's leadership makes a concerted effort to seek our input and feedback on programs and missions. Teachers can join for the discounted price of \$10. Visit [Pittsford PTSA's website](#) for more information on how to join.

### **PTSA Program Enrichment Grants**

PTSA still has more money to award to grant applicants who need funds to start or continue programs or events that benefit our students. For more information on what these grant funds are intended for and how to apply, see my Speak

Out article from January of this year or visit Pittsford PTSA's website.

### **BOE Meetings**

The Pittsford Board of Education meets once a month (twice in the month of February) at 7pm. I attend all meetings as PDTA's liaison. You are always welcome to attend these open meetings and see how educational business is run in our district. If you can't be there in person, you can stream the meetings on Pittsford's YouTube page, or watch them afterwards when they are posted. One exciting upcoming meeting is April 14th when our tenure recipients will be approved by the Board and celebrated by PDTA. Click [here](#) for a full list of BOE meetings and to read minutes from past meetings.

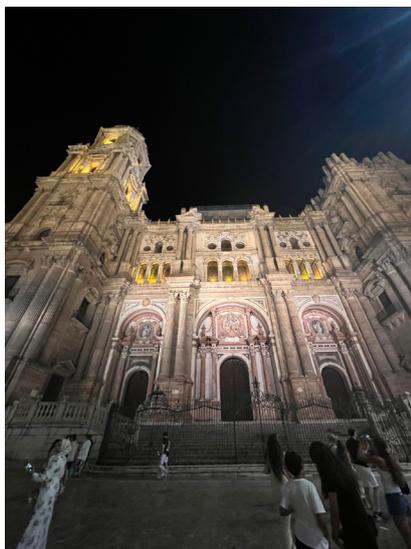
Enjoy the next couple of weeks until break! We can do it!

# Wanda Ward Study Grant: Hillary Petroske and Holly Serianni



In this article we'd like to share our professional learning experience that was made possible because of the Wanda Ward Study Grant. We, Hillary Petroske and Holly Serianni, were given the wonderful opportunity to further develop our Spanish-speaking abilities and explore cultural enrichment opportunities for two weeks in Málaga, Spain, a city situated in the Southern region of the country along the Mediterranean Sea. We both teach Spanish Honors courses at Sutherland High School and were confident this program would boost our effectiveness in delivering high-quality instruction to our students.

While in Málaga, we attended daily private lessons at CLIC University in the city center which focused on strengthening our knowledge of complex grammar structures, expanding our vocabulary, and refining our pronunciation. The individualized instruction we received allowed us to target specific areas for growth and engage in meaningful, immersive practice to directly enhance our effectiveness in the classroom. The staff were very accommodating and welcoming and aided us in fine-tuning our abilities in a way that furthered our professional growth.



Beyond our formal coursework, our time spent in Málaga provided invaluable cultural enrichment. Immersing ourselves in the daily life of the city allowed us to experience authentic language use in real-world contexts. We explored and learned about many historical places and participated in traditions that allowed us to deepen our appreciation for Spanish culture and history as provided by CLIC University.

We visited the Museo Picasso, deepening our understanding of the life of artist Pablo Picasso, who was born in Málaga; toured the Alcazaba of Málaga, gaining insight into the region's Moorish heritage; climbed the Castillo de Gibralfaro,

a challenging feat that combined the city's highest and most beautiful views alongside medieval architecture; and visited the ancient Roman Theatre and Basílica de la Encarnación. We also traveled outside of the city and hiked the Caminito del Rey, one of the world's most dangerous roads, explored three-thousand-year-old ruins that were once Arabic baths, and toured many of Spain's "White Cities," which are built into mountainsides and painted white to deflect the sun's heat; Setenil de las Bodegas being one of the more impressively built towns.



The combination of structured language study and cultural exploration provided a comprehensive and authentic learning experience allowing us to elevate our daily classroom instruction as we bring renewed enthusiasm and firsthand cultural insights to our students. We are so very thankful for the vast opportunity the Wanda Ward Study Grant has afforded us in our continued efforts to deliver the highest quality instruction.



**Take advantage of the  
Wanda Ward Study Grant!  
Find more information  
here. The deadline for  
applications is April 14th.**



## NYSUT Fix Tier 6 Rally

On Sunday, March 8 at the MVP Arena, Albany, we joined 15,000 Union siblings from across the state to rally to Fix Tier 6. We heard from speakers including the Mayor of Albany, Governor Kathy Hochul, comedian and actress Lisa Ann Walter (from Abbott Elementary), and various union leaders-- not just from public education, but various state locals affected by Tier 6 as well.

# Member Spotlight

## *SRP Edition*

### Allen Creek Elementary Karoline Trojjan



**Years in the district:** 12  
**Current Role:** 2nd Grade Para and SST Clerical  
**Favorite PCSD memory:** love being around kids! They keep you

young yet age you at the same time. I am thankful to be around amazing people that make me laugh daily – students included.

**Fun Fact:** I have subbed in every elementary position!

### Mendon Center Elementary Jamie Keenan



**Years in the district:** 2  
**Current Role:** Paraprofessional  
**Favorite PCSD memory:** One of my favorite memories is watching the

students play in the snow on the playground, laughing as they make snow angels and build snowmen together.

**Fun fact:** I have coached many students at MCE in t-ball, baseball and softball for Pittsford Little League.

### Barker Road Middle School Norelyn Ogden



**Years in the district:** 5 years total (2 years as a paraprofessional and 3 years as an EA)  
**Current Role:** Educational Assistant

**Favorite PCSD memory:** Working with students and seeing their growth and confidence build throughout the year.

**Fun fact:** I stayed home for 13 years, and this job is my first since moving to the United States.

### Calkins Road Middle School Ashu Sanyal



**Years in the district:** 18  
**Current Role:** Educational Assistant  
**Favorite PCSD memory:** The annual Unified Basketball

game. I love to see the inclusivity and community support while emphasizing camaraderie over competition.

**Fun fact:** I am a grandmother of a 17-month old baby girl! She brings warmth and sunshine into my life.

### Mendon High School Elizabeth Hoagland



**Years in the district:** 4  
**Current Role:** School Nurse  
**Favorite PCSD memory:** My favorite memories are watching our students grow over

the years!

**Fun fact:** I have an identical twin sister who is the cook manager at Park Rd Elementary!!

### Sutherland High School Aaron Brady

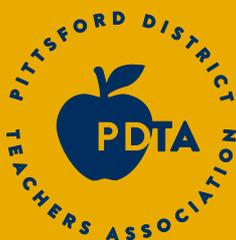


**Years in the district:** 28  
**Current Role:** District AV Technician  
**Favorite PCSD memory:** When I started up the Knightly News,

the morning show for Sutherland High School, about 25 years ago.

**Fun fact:** I recently became a grandfather!

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We Advocate.  
We Collaborate.**



Would you like to be featured in the spotlight next issue? Would you like to nominate someone else?  
Email [murie\\_gillett@pittsford.monroe.edu](mailto:murie_gillett@pittsford.monroe.edu) so we can get to know our members!

# PDTA APPAREL SPRING SALE ORDER FORM



**SHORT SLEEVE CREW NECK  
OR V NECK T SHIRT  
(WITH CATCH PHRASE ON THE BACK)  
\$15**

**WE EDUCATE.  
WE ADVOCATE.  
WE COLLABORATE**



**BASEBALL 3/4 SLEEVE- \$18  
LONG SLEEVE- \$18  
HOODED SWEATSHIRT- \$25**

**CHECK PAYABLE TO PDTA  
OR CASH  
DUE MARCH 25, 2026**



(Sleeves are Midnight Navy)

**CUT THIS PORTION OFF AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO YOUR BUILDING PR COMMITTEE REP**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT SLEEVE QUANTITY (\$15) :** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIZE (CIRCLE):** XS S M L XL 2X 3X

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**SIZE (CIRCLE):** S M L XL 2X

**BASEBALL 3/4 SLEEVE QUANTITY (\$18) :** \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG SLEEVE QUANTITY (\$18) :** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIZE (CIRCLE):** XS S M L XL 2X 3X

**SWEATSHIRT QUANTITY (\$25)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIZE (CIRCLE):** S M L XL 2X 3X 4X

**TOTAL \$ COLLECTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD (PLEASE CIRCLE):** CASH CHECK

## Public Relations Update

By Kelly Jordan

Spring is a busy time of year for the PDTA Public Relations team! We are working hard to raise money for the Barb Shapiro Student Scholarship fund. We are proud to say that our fundraisers have been so successful that this year we will award two scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 to one student from each of our Pittsford high schools. These scholarships are awarded to students who are interested in pursuing a career in the field of education.

Important dates to keep in mind:

- PDTA Spring Apparel Sale - ends March 25th! - See the attached flyer for all of the details!
- PDTA Barb Shapiro Student Scholarship - Please encourage any Pittsford seniors you know that are interested in the field of education to consider applying! The application can be found on our PDTA website, and all application materials are due April 27, 2026.

## EMBROIDERED PDTA SWAG



15% of all sales go directly to our PDTA Student Scholarship Fund. We've raised over \$345 since the program began!

All products are embroidered.

Purchases are done online through the company and shipped directly to your house. Keep an eye out for sale codes and free shipping deals which are frequently offered.

Link will always be open - make purchases whenever and as often as you like.

Makes a perfect gift for yourself or your favorite PDTA member- feel free to share the link with friends or family.

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## Important Information and Dates:

- SRP Members: letter to HR by Monday, April 6 (due to April 1 falling during Spring Break)
- Wanda Ward Study Grant Application - deadline April 15
- PDTA Chicken BBQ & Budget Vote- May 19 @ CRMS
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## SPEAK OUT! Ads

You and your family members are invited to place ads in future issues of SPEAK OUT!  
Rates for members and family (price is for one issue):

1/8 Page: \$12.50    ¼ Page: \$25.00    ½ Page: \$50.00    Full Page: \$100.00

Above rates are for copy ready advertising. If additional design or set-up is required, an additional fee of \$25 will be assessed. Space for ads is limited per issue. Checks should be made out to PDTA and mailed to the PDTA Office. **Ad proceeds will support PDTA charitable efforts.**

Send copy and questions directly to [murie\\_gillett@pittsford.monroe.edu](mailto:murie_gillett@pittsford.monroe.edu).

## Your PDTA Representative Assembly 2025-2026:

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### Standing Committee Chairs:

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1. Stephanie Warchol

2. Kimberly Chesko

3. Katie Shea

4. Karen Grace

5. Alyson Jacobs

6. Jennifer Simons

7. Jennifer Birdsong-ng



\*Indicates Executive Committee Member



# YOUR ROADMAP TO RETIREMENT IS HERE

*Retirement doesn't mean entering a world of unlimited tee times and champagne coolies. It's important to be properly prepared for the transition from in-service employment to retiree status.*

Please note the following information if you are currently enrolled in one or more NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed program(s) or would like to do so in retirement:

■ **If Your Local has a Retiree Chapter:**

You are encouraged to maintain membership and pay chapter dues to that local (if necessary) to continue membership in NYSUT and our national affiliates, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and National Education Association (NEA).

■ **If Your Local does NOT have a Retiree Chapter:**

You will continue your membership with NYSUT, AFT, and NEA through the Retiree Council in your geographic area.

Member Benefits endorses a number of programs that can be purchased through the convenience of payroll or pension deduction – offering reduced premiums or the elimination of service fees in many instances. Approximately 88% of NYSUT members have payroll or pension deduction available to them.

You must have an active NYSUT membership to participate in payroll or pension deduction. If you're currently participating in one or more of our endorsed programs, you will want to look into switching to pension deduction after you enter retirement.

## LEARN MORE

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