

# SGTA Executive Board

May Newsletter

May 3., 2016

## From the President and Vote Cope Rep

by: Ric Decarlo and Candi Bordell

### It is VOTE-COPE time again!!

Please consider contributing. This is a voluntary contribution that goes to NYSUTs political action fund.

VOTE-COPE stands for Voice of Teachers for Education - Committee on Political Education. They support candidates and campaign committees that have demonstrated their support for labor and education. VOTE-COPE helps strengthen political action programs at all levels (national, state and local)

How much should I contribute?  
NYSUT suggests the following, but remember that **any** amount matters!

Teachers - \$50 Everyone else- \$5-\$10

If you have any questions please see a Building Rep

***In Solidarity, Ric and Candi***

## From the VP for Assistants/Aides/Monitors

Aides/Monitors- we have sat through our third negotiation meeting. The proposal that the district countered with is a vast departure from our teams proposal. Our team is having a brainstorming meeting on thurs. 5/12 to prepair potential counter offers and or strategy.

Teacher Assistants- A final draft of the contract is being reviewed. Once submitted to NYSUT, they will copy it and we are hoping to have it ready to distribute by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

IN SOLIDARITY

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## SGTA SPRING FLING!

**When:** *May 26, 2016 at 3:30pm*

**Where:** *Turf Tavern*

**What:** A wonderful way to stop in and wish retiring staff well, to celebrate our teaching profession and to come together as a unit. We will also be recognizing recently tenured staff.

For those who have never attended a Spring Fling: This is a very casual event, where you can come for part or all of the evening. Light H'ordeuvres are served and there is a cash bar.

RSVP: [www.sgteachersassociation.com](http://www.sgteachersassociation.com)  
if you are able to make it so we have enough food.

## Dairy Circus Update

Thank you to everyone from the district who supported the April 22, 2016 dress down day for the Clemons family following the devastating fire of their family business. As a district we collected \$2,425.00. SGTA has written a check for them and forwarded on the few cards and checks that were made out to them directly. It was a wonderful district-wide show of community support to a local business that was always there to support the community.



SGTA Solidarity!

## From the VP of Elementary

Submitted by Jeff Denney,  
Lincoln Elementary

### SGTA Building Tone SURVEY

The SGTA Executive Board met the week before vacation and have put together a Building Climate Survey. It seems that many of the issues we are dealing with relate directly to the climate in the buildings and we wanted to gather data and information. The more information you are willing to give, the better, however, the survey is very short and can be completed in 5 minutes or less if you don't want to add comments. Thank you for your participation!

ALL Staff that fall under the NYSUT umbrella should feel welcome to participate in the survey- **Secretaries, Teachers, Nurses, Aides/Monitors, Assistants, Special area, Teachers, etc**

A unique link is sent to each person's PERSONAL email address only. If you would like to participate and have not already received the email, please go to this website:

[www.sgteachersassociation.com](http://www.sgteachersassociation.com) and click "contact us" tab and complete the contact information. A link will be sent to you shortly afterward.

The building survey will end on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

## Open Enrollment Reminder!

**ALL Forms for Flex plans, health care changes, opt out of health care forms, paycheck changes must be completed and to district office no later than May 20, 2016!!**

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**SAVE THE DATE!** This year's SGTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm at the High School Auditorium. Please come- we will discuss the upcoming year and negotiations!

