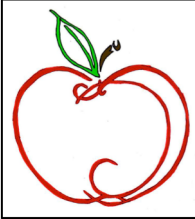


BI-WEEKLY FOCUS



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WELCOME BACK!

Make sure you start the year off smoothly

We wish to remind all members to notify the FFT Office, in addition to the District, about any of the following:

- **Change of address**
- **Change of phone number or email**
- **Change in marital status**
- **Birth/Adoption of a child**



Benefit Fund records needs to be kept up to date for fast and accurate processing of claims.

HEALTH AND SAFETY COME FIRST!

Please remember that your health and safety are our top priority!

Make sure that you are enforcing mask wearing and social distancing in your classrooms and with your colleagues. These are the expectations that parents have for their students and that we have for our members. If you feel that your health and safety are at risk due to a lack of PPE available to you, contact your administrator to make a request and a building rep if your needs are not met in a timely manner.

FFT BUY LINES

FOR SALE: 1.5 Hofstra Credits.
Contact Paul McHugh:
516-754-6453 or
pmickq@yahoo.com

If you are looking to place a personal ad- list it in the Buy Lines. Email your item information along with a PERSONAL email or cell phone number.

Contact Emily Geiger at the FFT Office if you have any questions.

Did You Know?

Members of the Administration are **prohibited** from changing the working terms that are stated in our contract.

In other words, a principal, director, or other administrator cannot change any working conditions laid out in the contract without negotiating such changes with the FFT.

Equally important is that **an FFT member may not voluntarily** change the stated terms of our contract without FFT approval.

KNOW YOUR CONTRACT and YOUR RIGHTS!



NYSUT Weighted Courses are Going Remote Again!

Due to the Covid restrictions, the District has agreed to allow this year's NYSUT courses to be taken remotely.

The District has approved the following NYSUT courses for **weighted credit** during the current school year, and are being offered throughout the fall/winter:

- **Active Learning in the Contemporary Classroom**
- **Introduction to the History of Special Education Law**
- **8 Cultural Forces to Transform Our Schools**



Check course availability through MyLearningPlan or call Emily Geiger at the FFT Office if you have any questions

PTA and SEPTA Need You!

Please remember that we are an integral part of the PTA. Please show your support by joining the PTA and SEPTA at your school.

Let's make 2020-2021 the year we reach 100% membership in each building!



CHECK YOUR CHECK!



All members are now paid on the **15th and last day** of each month. During each school year, members will receive 20 paychecks with deductions (plus the summer "balloon check" if chosen).

All members are responsible for verifying their paychecks to make sure they are receiving the correct salary. The District should have provided a letter for you stating your step/prep and contract amount to verify and sign.

Also check that you have the proper deductions.

All members who move steps in September should have received their increase, including members who now move to the added steps 23, 24 and 25. February steps should be verified mid-year.

After the Board of Education approves our ratified agreement of a 1.25% increase, the business office will begin to adjust salaries and process retroactive pay that dates back to July 1, 2020.

We will keep you updated on these expected adjustments.

Call the District Business Office with any questions or problems regarding your paychecks.

BENEFIT INFO

ALL VISION AND DENTAL claim forms must be mailed to:

**Administrative Services Only, Inc.
303 Merrick Rd. Suite 300 Dept. 32
Lynbrook, NY 11563**

Claim forms can be found on the FFT website:

www.farmingdaleteachers.org OR
www.asonet.com

It is no longer necessary to pick up GVS Vouchers. Members and vendors can access eligibility by telephone (516-396-5561) or via the internet at www.asonet.com