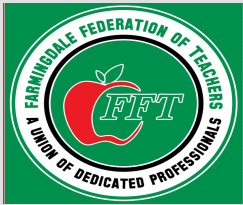


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Maternity/Paternity Leave Workshop

Date: May 6, 2026

Location: FFT Office

Time: 3:45 PM

Host: Brian Reilly

RSVP: 5/4/26

We invite you to show your support by wearing **"RED FOR PUBLIC ED"** and to commit to voting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Your participation is vital for the advancement of our public education system.



A TASTE OF FARMINGDALE UNDER THE STARS

June 4, 2026

6:30-8:30pm

Thank you to our **AMAZING** sponsors!



A heartfelt thank you to:

Central/Howitt Administration Howitt Music Department Howitt Steppers Club Howitt PTA Garden Club Members and especially our Farmingdale restaurants!!

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Savor the amazing flavors of Farmingdale! Enjoy tastings, browse craft fair vendors, and listen to live entertainment from our talented students.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026 6:30-8:30 PM
RAIN DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026
Howitt Middle School - Central Courtyard- 70 Van Cott Ave.

Featuring flavors from:

PURCHASE TICKETS USING THE QR CODE ABOVE OR CLICK THIS LINK:
\$20 PER PERSON- CHILDREN-\$7
AGES 6 OR UNDER ARE FREE

Logos include: Grubley's, Tap Room, Zuzu, Harleys, Pizzeria, The Nutty Irishman, Burgerology, and others.

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As a member of the FFT and NYSUT you have access to benefits, rights, and protections you may not be aware of.

Your union provides COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:

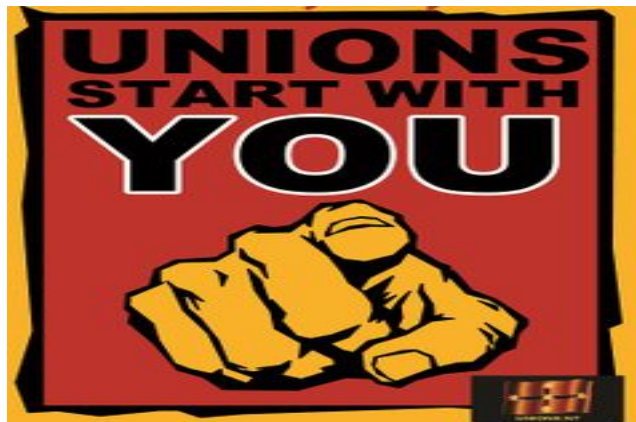
- The negotiation of a contract ensuring your pay, benefits, and working conditions.
- Representation in defending full rights and benefits under the contract.
- Filing and arbitration of a grievance.
- Day-to-day advice and counsel on workplace issues.

Your union provides LEGAL SERVICES:

- Due process hearings for members.
- Legal enforcement of seniority and other rights under Educational Law.
- Protection of seniority lists and recall rights (Preferred Eligibility).
- Family and Medical Leave Act claims

Your union provides PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT:

- Access to courses offered through NYSUT ELT and in-service courses.
- A voice in professional development opportunities.
- Mentoring for new teachers.



Negotiations

We are continuing negotiations with the District and will share updates as the process moves forward. All negotiation updates are sent to your personal email. If you are not receiving them, please contact our Office Administrator, Stephanie Mehta, for help.



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