

A MONTHLY REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP

May 2017

OPT OUT

The Math numbers remained steady from last year with slight variances. For 2017-'18, we must work on improving parent union partnerships in each of the buildings.

AFFILIATION REFERENDUM

The ANNUAL REFERENDUM on continued affiliation with NYSUT and its national affiliates will take place on May 23rd in each building. Voting will be one hour prior to sign in up to sign in and again in the afternoon for thirty minutes starting at dismissal. You may contact your unit leader or the Elections Chair with any questions.

LIFE

VSTA attended a meeting of LIFE representatives on Monday, May 8th in Bay Shore. The original seven founding locals has grown to nineteen. The seven locals who organized the group included Bay Shore, Freeport, Uniondale, Baldwin, Rocky Point, Deer Park and Valley Stream. Additional locals have expressed interest and we are hopeful that they will become full-fledged members. It was reported that other locals have expressed interest. We have presented our agenda to the newly elected NYSUT Officers. It is our hope that they act on it making a serious discussion of continued affiliation unnecessary.

APPROVAL OF STIPENDS

The Executive Board approved the stipends as outlined in the current report of the Finance Committee (2016-'17).

VOTE/COPE – VSTA PAC

The Executive Board voted to form a VSTA PAC commencing with the 2017-2018 school year. Unit leaders will be addressing this in each workplace.

LONG ISLAND OPT-OUT ENDORSEMENTS

LIOO has endorsed Deborah Kalb for the school board in UFSD 13 and Matthew Kahn for the school board in UFSD 30.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will present its Annual Report at the next Executive Board meeting on Thursday, June 8, at 3:45 p.m. in Memorial J.H.S. Media Center.

In addition there will be a budget Q and A on Tuesday, June 6, at 4 p.m. in the Memorial JHS Media Center, open to all.

