



# BEES BUZZ BEACON

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOCES EDUCATORS OF EASTERN SUFFOLK UNION - NYSUT LOCAL 22-220/AFT LOCAL 3037



WELCOME TO THE BUZZ BEACON!

The BEES Buzz Beacon is a short version of our usual BEES Beacon publication. We will still publish the full newsletter at the end of the year, but in between we will be bringing you the BEES Buzz! Remember to follow us on our social media pages and join our Remind messaging to keep up with all of our upcoming BEES events! Find us on Facebook under BOCES Educators of Eastern Suffolk, on Instagram @bocesbees22220, on Twitter(x) @Bees3037 and on Threads @BOCESBEES22220. You can join by downloading the Remind app and searching for the keyword(s), or just by texting the keyword(s) to the number 81010. Please use the keyword(s) for the groups that apply to you (you can belong to more than one if you would like to).

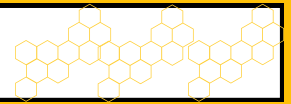
**Remind Key words**

- @beesblue - for Teachers, Itinerants, Certificated Staff
- @beesparas - for aides and TAs
- @beessped - for all special ed. members
- @beesctesce - for all CTE/SCE members
- @beesitin - for all Itinerant members

# Mandated REPORTER Training

*Don't forget that the NYSED required training must be completed and reported to TEACH by April 1, 2025. Please see the link below for a guide on how to complete the training for free.*

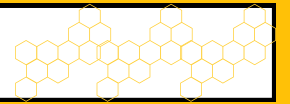




# ***THE BEES HELPING HIVE***

*This holiday season the BEES union family came together to support one another. BEES members in need of some holiday assistance with toys and groceries were able to complete a confidential form online that connected them to the new "helping hive" initiative. BEES leadership organized a toy drive through Toys for Tots. With the help of members in our programs, BEES retirees (who mailed in toys from around the country), and local community businesses, we gathered enough gifts to support over 30 BEES families and bring smiles to more than 80 children. We would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed gifts, time, resources and holiday spirit to this event. It's clear that our Helping Hive is here to stay! Wishing you all a very happy holiday and bright and joyous New Year!*





# SPRING & FALL HEAT WAVES

New York has been experiencing extreme heat waves that leave students and educators facing high temperatures in their classrooms.



# Union Power!

## WE FOUGHT HARD:



School visits Media Attention A Heat Tent Digital Campaigns

And, NYSUT members submitted thousands of stories that went toward a nearly 80-page report for elected officials.



# Activism!

## THE NEW LAW:

For the first time ever, the law establishes maximum temperature limits for classrooms.



# Change!

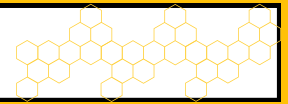
## THANK YOU!

This law is a step forward in improving working and learning conditions and it couldn't have happened without our members.



LEARN MORE:  
[nysut.cc/2024heat](https://nysut.cc/2024heat)





# BEES BUDDIES

Our BEES Buddies met for their first training of the year this fall. Remember, your BEES Buddies are another resource you can use for any questions or concerns that fall outside your regular contractual areas. Keep an eye out for PD opportunities provided by your BB's!

# BEES Buddies



A Collaborative Union Support Program

# BEES Rep Training

Our BEES building representatives also participated in a full day training this fall. This terrific group of dedicated reps learned all about labor and education laws, union rights, representation and union member benefits.



# Member Benefits can help you save during the holidays

Another holiday season full of anticipation and joy is upon us, and NYSUT Member Benefits is ready to help with gift giving. Before purchasing any items on your list, make sure to check out all that Member Benefits has to offer.



Whether you're looking for savings on gift baskets, flowers or chocolates, Bose products, clothing or shoes, movie tickets, sporting events and concerts, theme parks and attractions, restaurants, or thousands of other deals, you'll want to check out MB Discounts & Deals.

While you're on our website, take some time to explore the Buyer's Edge, Inc., ODP Business Solutions, and Purchasing Power programs for new and used vehicles; appliances, televisions, furniture, and mattresses; school and office supplies; electronics; and more.

Don't forget about making sure your family is protected during the holidays and beyond. Going back over 40 years, NYSUT members have historically counted on Member Benefits for crucial

insurance, legal, and financial offerings. Member Benefits endorses quality life, disability, auto/home/renter's, dental and vision, and pet insurance offerings – along with unbiased legal services and financial counseling options.

**Learn more by scanning the QR code, visiting [memberbenefits.nysut.org](https://memberbenefits.nysut.org), or calling 800-626-8101.**



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