



MVTA
Our Collective State of Being
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Your Representative's Contact Information

Welcome back everyone. I thought that it would be good to start by providing you all with a list of the current reps. and their extensions. I also want to remind you that if you need to contact me you can email me at mytaemail@gmail.com. This is probably the best way for you to contact me outside of school.

MVTA Executive Committee

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HS – Sue Brink	1112
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MS/HS Negotiation Task Force

MS – Julie Mott	5213
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Grievance Chair – Ezra Clementson	1141
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APPR

New York State is requiring teachers to be evaluated using a new system:

- 20% from growth on state assessments or other comparable measures.
- 20% on locally selected measures of student achievement.
- 60% on multiple measures using a state-approved rubric.

We will be using the "Danielson's Framework for Teaching (2011 Revised Edition)" rubric. A majority of districts in our region are using this rubric. We also only agreed to use it for the 2011 - 2012 school year. This will allow our team to review other approved rubrics to be used in the future. All currently approved rubrics can be viewed at <http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/practicerrubrics/home.html>.

This new evaluation system will only be used for Math and English teachers grades four through eight this school year. However, it will apply to everyone next year. It is important that **everyone** becomes familiar with this rubric. There are many aspects to it that will not be seen during the course of an observation, but will be part of your overall evaluation. It is going to be our job to document how we have fulfilled these requirements and present the information when we meet with our building principals for our end of year evaluations.

Our negotiating team has had their first meeting with the district on September 20th where we discussed how, and in what order, we would proceed with the negotiations. Our team then met on October 12th to begin discussing a point system to be use with the rubric. This meeting took two hours and was extremely productive. We reviewed and prioritized all of the sections of the rubric and created a point system that we will be presenting to the district at our next meeting. This meeting was originally scheduled for October 19th but we have postponed it so that our team can attend a three hour APPR training session offered by NYSUT on that day. A new meeting date with the district has not yet been set. If you have any questions, contact me or a member of the negotiating team.

Contract Info

Our LRS Mike Siegel and I have completed all of the updates to our contract. It has been sent to the district's lawyers who will look it over. As soon as they approve it we will be sending it to the printer.

Constitutional Amendment

Hopefully you have all heard by now that the proposed amendment passed overwhelmingly.

LAP

I hope everyone has gotten their shirts from their building reps. and is wearing them on pay day Fridays. Our open house tables were a big hit this year. We had a variety of giveaways (chip clips, magnet clips, water bottles, pens, etc.) for the parents. All items were branded with our logo. I would like to thank everyone that volunteered to work one of the tables. You all should have received an MVTA hat as a small token of our appreciation for your efforts. If you worked a table and did not receive a hat, contact me or another member of the LAP team. Our team is planning on putting together membership binders to be distributed to everyone. These binders will include a variety of both local and state wide union information. If there is anything that you think our members might benefit from and should be included in the binder please let one of us know.

Just a reminder, the four LAP principles are:

- Increasing member participation
- Strengthening political action
- Expanding community outreach/coalition-building
- Improving communications

If you have any ideas/suggestions that can help us reach these goals, please contact a member of the LAP team (Chris D'Angelo, Kathy Arms, Nick Prezioso, Deb Cambareri, Eileen Jacobs, Melanie Amatetti). We can really use your help with this.

Articles for MVTA

Website or Newsletter

I believe that it would be good for the district and our membership to see more of what we do for the children of the community. I would like to have articles that give recognition to our members and the students they work with. If you coach a Minisink team, supervise a club, or just doing something with your students that you want people to know, contact me about submitting an article.

FYI

Monetary Donations/Requests - Need to be made to your Building Rep. at least one month before the funds are needed. Examples include: yearbook ads, charitable donations, conference expenses, etc... Your Building Rep. attends Executive Meetings every month. Failure to submit requests in a timely fashion could cause a refusal of funds.

Building Unit Meetings - These occur monthly in all of our buildings. I can be available to speak with you on all matters union during these gatherings, given a timely request!

Executive Meeting – These meetings are open to all MVTA members. Please attend if you have something for the good of the order or want to get more involved with the MVTA. They are held at 4:00 in the MS library. The meeting dates for this year are 10/26, 11/16, 12/14, 1/18, 2/15, 3/14, 5/1, and 6/12.

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