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## President's Message

### Call to Action:

The WTA will be launching a political action campaign regarding the proposed building construction project, which will be up for a vote on March 9, 2010. This proposal includes modifications to the HS & MS, but primarily features the construction of 1 district wide K-5 building as an add on to the existing OP structure.

After careful consideration, discussion, and review of survey's collected regarding the proposed plan our Rep Council, at the January 19th meeting, voted unanimously to launch a cam-

paign where the WTA neither supports nor rejects the proposal, but seeks to educate the public on both the pros and cons of the proposal.

The WTA is forming a committee, that will meet several times over the next few weeks to formulate the information that we will be distributing/educating the public on. The committee will also create documents, which will may include a letter mailed to district residents, newspaper advertisements, and informational postings on the WTA general website.

The committee will meet afterschool 2 to

3 times, as needed, over the next several weeks. The dates, all Thursdays, are January 28th, February 4th, and February 11th. Location TBD.

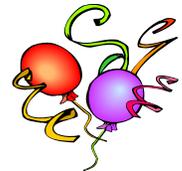
This committee is open to any WTA member. You do not need to be able to attend all three dates. If you are interested please email me directly. Some of you have already given me materials, research, and information. I strongly encourage that you continue to do so. Information or documents that you have can be emailed or sent interoffice mail directly to me for use in educating voters.

Jason Carter

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CELEBRATE !

### Congratulations to:

The 41 WCSD employees who pledged to the 2010 United Way Campaign pledging a total of \$4,505. That's an average of over \$100 per participant! Our community greatly appreciates your thoughtfulness!

Katie Mangos for organizing a fantastic elementary staff fundraiser for the Make-a-Wish Foundation!

HS:

MS:

OE:

OP: Jessica Rice on the birth of her son Dylan Stanley Rice born December 31st. Happy New Year!

FE:

## Helping Quake Victims in Haiti

**HAITI  
Help  
Now**

NYSUT is seeking donations, through its Disaster Relief Fund, to aid victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. All donations will be forwarded to NYSUT's na-

tional unions to ensure the funds get to where the need is greatest.

### How You Can Help

To make a tax-deductible donation, send a check, made out to **NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund, to NYSUT, Attn: Jeff Lock-**

**wood, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110.** Indicate "Haiti relief" on the memo line.

Or

Donate on line via this link: [http://www.nysut.org/cps/rde/xchg/nysut/hs.xsl/members\\_10889.htm](http://www.nysut.org/cps/rde/xchg/nysut/hs.xsl/members_10889.htm)

# The 3 R's: Remarks, Reminders, and Relief!

**WTA 10 Minute Meeting:**  
**Thursday January 21st!**  
Topic: Capital Development Project



**Issues currently being discussed / explored:**

- Team leaders and pay equity K-5
- Building project proposal
- 6:1:1, 15:1:1, and highly qualified teacher status

**Issues acted upon/resolved:**

- WTA Retirement MOA—allowing members to retire under current or previous contract language.

**Rule of thumb #60:** "Chasing good dollars with bad bills is wasteful, short-sighted and shortchanges our students most in need." NYSUT President Iannuzzi.

**Dates to Remember:**

**Jan. 15** - Resolutions for the NYSUT RA must be received by 5 p.m.

**Jan. 22** –Nominations for NYSUT constituent awards are due.

**January 28, February 4, & February 11**—WTA Committee to educate voters on building construction proposal.

**January 30**—NYSUT Rochester Regional Office -Negotiations Training Conference.

**February 1-5th**—National School Counseling Week "Celebrate School counseling!"

**Feb. 26** --Proposed amendments to the NYSUT Constitution or Bylaws must be received by 5 p.m.

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Keep current on what's happening in NYS—check out **[www.nysut.org](http://www.nysut.org)**



## Looking Ahead in NYS

The governor's draft budget came out Tuesday and it fulfills its promises to be austere. Paterson's second State of the State address (PDF) <http://www.ny.gov/>

[governor/press/pdf Blueprint-toRebuildNY2.pdf](#) focused heavily on legislative ethics and fiscal reform, and barely mentioned education or health care, although he took a shot at "special interest" groups who "intimidate, badger and

push when they don't get their way, even when they're aware the cupboard is bare." If pressing strongly on behalf of the millions of students and educators in New York state is a "special interest," then we plead guilty. Stay tuned.

## 12– 12 Either Way Wayne Staff are Winners!



12 –12 was the final score of the Wayne Central Elementary Staff's handball fundraiser held

January 13th for the Make—A -Wish Foundation! OE, OP and FE staff joined forces to raised money, awareness, and do something healthy for a good cause. Approximately \$1000 was raised although the final count has not been announced yet as collection buckets were also at each school last week!

Both Make a Wish and Wayne staff came out winners in the event!

And we learned we all have a lot in common as we work together to make our students wishes for their futures come true!



## Is it time for a financial tune-up?

Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

- Should I refinance my mortgage?
- Am I saving enough for my children's education?
- What is the best way to reduce my debt?
- Is my 403(b) retirement account invested properly?

If yes, you could benefit by enrolling in the Financial Counseling Program recently endorsed by NYSUT Member Benefits Corporation.

For an annual fee, you'll get unbiased, objective advice from financial professionals who do not sell any financial products. The Financial Counseling Program is provided by Stacey Braun Associates, Inc., an investment advisory company.

Its certified financial planners and registered investment advisors provide fee-based professional financial counseling; they receive no commissions from mutual funds, brokerage firms, insurance companies or any other third party.

The **Full-Service Financial Counseling Program** includes several features. You can consult with a planner or advisor toll-free for up to six hours per year. If a planner or advisor is not available when you call, you can schedule a phone consultation at a time convenient for you.

You can request no-cost written summaries and reports on a variety of financial issues. You can receive assistance in choosing a 403(b) retirement savings program provider available



through your employer, as well as assistance on reviewing your 403(b) investment selections.

You'll gain access to Stacey Braun's password-protected Web site, which is chock-full of tips, narratives, market data, quotes, charts, news, calculators, an interactive financial planner, useful Web site links and more. There's even an e-mail helpdesk where you can get answers to basic financial questions within 24 hours.

If Stacey Braun holds an educational workshop in your area, the admission fee will be waived if you wish to attend. Also, you can request an in-person consultation with a Stacey Braun planner at a mutually agreed-upon location. This service is limited to 90 minutes and carries an additional fee.

If you only desire advice regarding 403(b) retirement savings programs, the **403(b) Limited Financial Counseling Program** is available at a reduced price. This option includes toll-free phone consultations to discuss 403(b) programs only (six-hour limit) and assistance in selecting a 403(b) program provider available through your employer, as well as assistance with investment allocation of 403(b) assets. Web site access, e-mail helpdesk and in-person consultations are not included in the limited plan.

For information on this and other programs, visit [www.memberbenefits.nysut.org](http://www.memberbenefits.nysut.org), call us at 800-626-8101 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or use the **Contact** feature on our Web site.



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