



## NYSUT CERTIFICATION ASSISTANCE

NYSED certification system can be complicated and confusing. NYSUT offers free, live webinars designed to help manage your certifications.

<https://www.nysut.org/resources/special-resources-sites/certification/webinars>

### NYSUT Fact Sheet

[https://www.nysut.org/-/media/files/nysut/resources/2022/2022\\_03\\_02\\_factsheet21\\_13\\_teacher\\_certification\\_nys.pdf](https://www.nysut.org/-/media/files/nysut/resources/2022/2022_03_02_factsheet21_13_teacher_certification_nys.pdf)

## PRIOR APPROVALS

Please make sure you are completing the prior approvals for tuition reimbursement, differential pay, or clock hours before you take courses.

These forms can be found on the BOCES website under staff resources- intranet link for staff.

## FIX THE SIX

NYSUT is lobbying heavily to help fix tier 6. This will take vote-cope and a lot of activism to accomplish.

Tier 1 helped to fix tier 3 and 4, it is now our turn to help fix tier 6!

Tier 6 teachers must work until 63 years of age, or be hit with a heavy decrease in their pension. They also must contribute their entire working career, and the amount they contribute increases.

## CONFERENCES

Have you been denied a conference this school year! If you have been denied, please visit our website, and download the PDF or use the link below. Please complete this form as soon as possible. Moving forward, please complete this for whenever this occurs. Our contract states that representatives of BOCES and BOCESTA shall meet annually to review conference request/approval procedures. If we do not have accurate information, it puts us at a disadvantage at the table.

[https://onbocesta.weebly.com/uploads/9/4/5/2/94528427/conference\\_denial\\_2.pdf](https://onbocesta.weebly.com/uploads/9/4/5/2/94528427/conference_denial_2.pdf)

## Disaster Relief Fund

Our hearts go out to our WNY family, friends and colleagues impacted by the devastating storm. We encourage donations to NYSUT's Disaster Relief fund to help alleviate some of the difficulties they're facing; NYSUT members impacted by the storm may apply for relief.

## BOCESTA Scholarships

Keep an eye out, they will be out earlier this year.

## SKI Discount

Hitting the slopes this season? NYSUT Member Benefits offers [ski discounts](#)

## Meat Raffle

Save the date: March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Location: South Transit Fire Hall

**DATE CHANGE!!!**

### Dues and Tax Information:

Members should verify their unions dues for the tax year by looking at their final pay stub in December. If they do not have their paystub, they should log into their BOCES WinCap account and they can look up their paycheck - [wincapweb.com](http://wincapweb.com) (Note: If you do not have a WinCap account, please contact Julia Jones in payroll for a link.)

Members should verify on their own personal pay stub for the accurate amount of dues deducted for calendar year. BOCESTA dues are listed in the deductions sections. Refer to the "Calendar Year to Date" column for the total dues paid during the year.

### APPR Hardship Waiver

NYSED has approved the APPR hardship waiver for the 2022-2023 school year. This waiver eliminates the requirement for the unannounced observation to be conducted by an administrator outside the building you are assigned.



Life is complicated, but NYSUT Member Benefits can help.

The Peer Support Line is a new service available through NYSUT Member Benefits offered at no cost to all NYSUT members and their families.

This confidential helpline -- staffed by trained in-service and retired individuals who understand the unique professional and personal challenges of NYSUT members -- can provide answers, resources, and empathetic support when you need it.

### Learn More:

For more information or to speak with someone at the Peer Support Line, call toll-free [844-444-0152](tel:844-444-0152).