

TO: NYSUT Board of Directors
NYSUT Local Presidents
FROM: Andy Pallotta, President
DATE: April 3, 2020
SUBJECT: ***NYSUT Alert – Update on NYSUT Response to COVID-19***

Please read below for several important updates and resources:

1. Enacted Budget Summary

A summary of the Enacted Budget is attached.

NYSUT's statement on passage of the state budget may be found here:
<https://www.nysut.org/news/2020/april/media-release-budget>

2. Message from NYSUT Social Services: School Social Worker and Psychologist Network

See the attached message from NYSUT's Social Services Department offering a networking opportunity to your members who are social workers, psychologists and counselors.

3. Trauma coverage is now available for AFT members

AFT members work hard—now more than ever—to educate, heal, help and serve our communities. Sometimes our own stress is compounded by a personal or workplace trauma; still, we struggle to be fully present for others. Now the AFT is offering a free new benefit—trauma coverage—to provide help and healing for our members, whenever needed, wherever they may be. These services are free and available to all active working members, including those on leave status.

Further information may be found [here](#).

4. Don't Forget the 2020 Census

Census mailings have been sent out and are now arriving at homes across the country. The current public health crisis only underscores the importance of being counted!

Check out NYSUT's new video promo to encourage people to fill out the 2020 U.S. Census survey. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qwm2fTZJ2U>. .
Visit nysutcounts.org for more info.

5. Zoom Security & Privacy Issues

Currently both the FBI and the NYS Attorney General are investigating issues related to Zoom. Many of the issues may relate to users being unfamiliar with how to use the

solution securely. If you are using zoom, below you will find two links to some helpful information.

How to Prevent Zoom Bombing:

CNET: [Zoombombing: What it is and how you can prevent it in Zoom video chat](#)

Chicago Tribune: [It's called Zoombombing: Here's how to prevent it.](#)

6. Fact Sheet 20-9: Trauma-Informed Instructional Practices

Our most recent fact sheet may be found here: <https://www.nysut.org/resources/all-listing/research/fact-sheets/fact-sheet-trauma-informed-instructional-practices>

7. Parent Resources Page ([Found here](#))

Please continue to check out our Parent resource page as new items have been added.

8. Health Care Heroes Disaster Relief Campaign Rollout

NYSUT members across the state are quite literally risking their lives, serving on the front lines in hospitals and other health-care facilities throughout the Empire State during the deadly COVID-19 crisis. And with New York now the epicenter of the nation's pandemic, NYSUT wants to reassure our brave "Health Care Heroes" that their union is there for them while they selflessly put themselves in harm's way to care for all of us. That's why today we're beginning a campaign to urge our members to donate to the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund.

Member donations will let our Health Care Heroes, our union brothers and sisters, know that their union is there for them while they selflessly put themselves in harm's way to care for all of us. Proceeds will go directly toward purchasing and providing Personal Protective Equipment, food and other supplies for all of our dedicated health care workers.

Here is the link to the website: [NYSUT.org/disasterrelief](https://www.nysut.org/disasterrelief)