

# PCTA

PORT CHESTER TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

*"Strength Through Unity"*



## President's Message



Dear PCTA,

As we close out another school year, I would like to continue to extend my deepest gratitude and respect to each of you. Your dedication, resilience and commitment to your students and our community as a whole is making a long-lasting impact. You inspire growth, you spark curiosity, and you create safe places for our students where learning takes place. As summer break is around the corner, however you plan on spending your time this summer, whether it is resting, recharging, traveling or even working with our students and curriculum writing, reflect on what you do and be proud of yourselves for your unrelenting dedication and devotion to our students.

The PCTA does not just recognize your efforts and accomplishments. PCTA is constantly advocating for each and every one of US. I would like to thank every Union Officer, Building Representative, and Health and Safety Representative who go above and beyond, and sometimes unnoticed for the hard work they do each and everyday behind the scenes. As your PCTA

President, I can say this team is dedicated to our entire membership, and I could not be more proud of all of them. Thank you to our entire PCTA Executive Board!!!

Again, thank you all for what you do, day in and day out, for our students. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you all when we return for an exciting new school year.

Chris



## Congratulations on your Retirement!

The PCTA would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to ***Lucille Cappello, Carmen Cartayas, Patricia Donnelly, Vincent Fiumara, Jeannie Iantorno, Linda O'Connor, Marcy Pellenberg, Maggie Rende, Maria Laina Sileo and Valerie Waldman*** on your retirement.

Your years of service, dedication and passion have made a lasting impact on generations of students, colleagues and our school community.

As you close this chapter and begin an exciting new journey, know that your legacy will continue to inspire. Thank you for your commitment to education and for strong as a valued member of the union.

Wishing you all the best in your well-earned retirement!

## Congratulations on receiving Tenure!

Congratulation to ***Delia Ananto, Christina Baurle, Austin Boehm, Michael Caprino, John Cegielski, Lisa Ciraldo, Gina Depperman, Georgina Diaz Luz, Sylvia Egana, Michelle Galdamez, Ingrid Gomez, Lidette Hernandez, Elaine Hernandez, Yesenia Joseph, Jenna Lividini, Daniel Maldonado, Erik Maniscalco, Bernmary Maria, Elizabeth Marti, Savannah McEntire, Elizabeth Messina, Melissa Neyer, Kristina Perri, Stephanie Rubenfeld, Sarah Schur, Nileyris Sosa, Stephanie Sumcizk, Daniel Tamucci, Nancy Tavarez, Justin Thomas, Anthony Travaglini, Miriam Valdovinos, Celina Vaquerano, Jenni Vogel, Courtney Waldmann, Nicole Weisblum, Ashley Noda, Sophie Nowak, Santos Avila, Yudelca Martinez, Anthony Piro, Bridget Gasparino and Chrystal Chambers*** on receiving tenure!

The PCTA is thrilled to celebrate this important milestone in your career. Your dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence in education have made a lasting impact on our students, colleagues and community.



Join the **PCTA** along with many of our  
*Student-Athletes & Coaches* at the:

**American Cancer Society**  
**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk!**

This event is a celebration of courage and hope, a movement uniting communities to end breast cancer as we know it, for everyone. Making Strides is the nation's largest and most impactful breast cancer fundraiser walk.

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19, 2025**

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**New PCTA Website is coming soon!**



## Health & Safety Update:

The PCTA Health and Safety Team was busy throughout the year! We addressed leaks, extreme classroom temperatures, and implemented new safety procedures and protocols.

Your reps look forward to attending summer/fall courses through NYSUT to ensure that union members have a better understanding of Health and Safety laws. New York State has enacted legislation (September 1, 2025) setting maximum classroom temperatures for public schools. Be on the lookout for new implementation guidelines in the fall.

Special thanks to [Yvette Vera-Pignato](#), [Tom Moravick](#), [Kathleen Farley](#), [Christine Alessi](#), [Mirjana Lezaja](#) and [Maureen Gallo](#) for always going above and beyond! Happy Summer! [Melissa Coletti](#)



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- August 20th & 21st- New Teacher Orientation
- August 27th & 28th- Superintendent's Conference Days
- September 2nd- First Day of School!
- Back to School Party! Details to follow
- October 19th- Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk

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