

OATA Newsletter

February 2015



Health Care Vote:

The OATA will be voting on our health care provider on **Thursday, February 26th**. Ballots will be distributed to your mailboxes. Please vote, place your ballot in the box, and sign your name after you have voted.

Option A: remaining with GAHP through Blue Cross Blue Shield along with NSYUT Vision, and one of Dental II, Smile Saver or AETNA

Option B: switch to NY44 Trust through Independent Health with their vision plan and Guardian Dental

Updates and Reminders:

- Check out our OATA website regularly for updates and upcoming events at <http://oakfieldalabamata.weebly.com/>
- There is information regarding retirement through Denise Glidden's [website](#). Click the link to go directly to this information.
- Vote to Fight Cuomo to Save Public Education: West Seneca High School, February 26, 2015 from 6-7:30 pm (see attached flyer)
- Educational Summit: Niagara Wheatfield High School Auditorium, March 5, 2015 from 6-7:30

Your Team:

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APPR Evidence Tips:

- Don't forget to continue to collect evidence for Domain 4! These can include:
 - Communication with families
 - Maintenance of records
 - Professional development
 - Membership in professional/community organization
 - Extra-curricular activities
 - School programs
 - Committee involvement
 - Turnkey/presentations to colleagues
 - Cooperating teacher for student teacher
 - Mentoring a teacher

Make your dental & vision care a priority!

Well, another year has passed us by and the New Year is upon us! As you take stock of the various resolutions you've made for this year, now is the time to make your dental & vision care a top priority.

Dental Care



The NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed Dental Plan features the MetLife PDP Plus Network.

The Plan offers easy to understand dental coverage that allows you to:

- Protect you and your family by providing competitively-priced dental coverage for most preventive and routine services that help promote long-term oral health.
- Choose the dentist of your choice at the time of treatment. You do not have to select a primary dentist and there is no ID card to show or referrals needed for specialty care.
- Save on out-of-pocket expenses by receiving services from thousands of participating dentist locations nationwide that agree to charge fees typically 15% to 45% lower than the average charges in your area.

With the MetLife Dental Plan featuring the PDP Plus Network, you'll receive a wide range of benefits that provide choice, savings and convenience to help make your dental health a priority.

Vision Care



The NYSUT Member Benefits Trust-endorsed Vision Plan provided by Davis Vision ensures that you are able to obtain proper eye care.

The plan offers a variety of benefits, including:

- One complete eye exam (including glaucoma testing, and when professionally indicated, dilation).
- One pair of eyeglasses (lenses & frames) or contact lenses per benefit period – paid in full according to plan specifications from participating providers.

Once you've enrolled in the plan and you're confirmed, simply call an in-network provider, identify yourself with your name or NYSUT ID number (available on your NYSUT membership card), make an appointment, and use all of the plan benefits at that visit (exam & glasses cannot be split into two appointments).

The provider's office will contact Davis Vision and verify your eligibility for benefits. There are no claim forms or ID cards needed to use the plan.

February is Member Appreciation Month!

Don't forget that NYSUT Member Benefits is teaming up with its endorsed program providers for a special month-long event in **February 2015**.

Member Appreciation Month will feature a special prize drawing each day of the month in February, including a Bose Wave Radio, iPad Mini, several



Amazon Kindles, and a variety of gift cards. The winners of the daily prize drawings will be announced exclusively on the Member Benefits website throughout the month of February.

You **MUST** be a member of the voluntary Member Benefits MAP Alert email service to be eligible for these drawings!

For more details about these endorsed programs or Member Appreciation Month, visit the Member Benefits website at memberbenefits.nysut.org or call 800-626-8101.



For information about contractual endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please contact NYSUT Member Benefits. Agency fee payers to NYSUT are eligible to participate in NYSUT Member Benefits-endorsed programs.

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what #AllKidsNeed



VOTE TO FIGHT CUOMO TO SAVE PUBLIC EDUCATION

DATE & TIME: February 26, 2015 from 6 to 7:30 pm

LOCATION: West Seneca West High School

Calling parents, educators, legislators and all who care about public ed!

Stand up to:

- Cuomo's threat to hold school funds hostage
- Cuomo's push to weaken local control of schools
- School-bashing and teacher-bashing!



Please Join Us For An **EDUCATION SUMMIT**

Join a panel discussion on the future of our public schools. State and Local Policy Makers, School Administrators, Teachers, Parents, and Students will come together to discuss:

Over Testing
Underfunding
the Growing Role of **Private Money** in our Public Schools
and **What we can do about it together!**

March 5, 2015
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Niagara Wheatfield High School Auditorium
2292 Saunders Settlement Road
Sanborn, NY 14132

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

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**Please join us for this very important public forum
on the future of our public schools.**

Refreshments will be provided.