



Welcome to Retirement!

It was lobbying and myriad other political action efforts that secured our pensions, our tenure, our benefits and our right to bargain collectively. We have enjoyed "protections" equal to those of any public employee in the entire United States. None of these victories could have been won without VOTE-COPE.

Retirees have a long history of supporting VOTE-COPE. It is not just about protecting the pension checks we worked so hard for. We also have a responsibility to stand with and support newer educators as they fight to protect the joy of our profession. We need to continue to do our part to keep our Union strong, and well-equipped to fight off attacks on our retirement security.

Pension deduction is the easiest way to continue your contributions in retirement. Nothing would be more valuable and appreciated than you answering the call in this way. The form at the bottom of this page should be detached, BOTH sides filled out and mailed to:

VOTE-COPE, c/o NYSUT, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110-2455



Pension Deduction Authorization Card

The undersigned authorizes the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) or the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) to deduct from each of my regular defined-benefit pension payments the sum of \$10, \$5 or Other \$___ (per month) and to forward that amount to VOTE-COPE, c/o NYSUT, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. I understand that this monthly amount will continue to be deducted until revoked by me in writing.

Such guidelines are merely suggestions. NYSUT members are free to contribute more or less than the guidelines suggest, and NYSUT will not disadvantage anyone by reason of the amount of their contribution or decision not to contribute. Contributing to VOTE-COPE is voluntary, and NYSUT members may refuse to contribute to VOTE-COPE without reprisal. Contributing to VOTE-COPE is not a condition of membership in any labor organization. VOTE-COPE may use the money it receives to make political contributions and expenditures in connection with federal, state and local elections.

I expressly acknowledge and understand that the deduction, as specified above, be withheld monthly and that NYSUT will transmit this authorization to the appropriate retirement system. I hereby certify to NYSTRS and NYSERS that I am a member of NYSUT, an employee organization entitled to receive union deduction payments as provided by law.

Name _____ Pension # _____ (optional)

Phone # _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Local from which you retired _____

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Contributions or gifts to VOTE-COPE are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.