

Nidya Degliomini

I am submitting my name for re-election as Herricks Teachers' Association President. The past few years have brought many changes to our District, ongoing challenges to our profession and the members of our organization. The struggles of the Tax Cap, demands of Common Core, State Tests and attacks in an attempt to privatize public education have made this a trying time for our students, schools and members. On a positive note, we've welcomed many new members to the HTA family, become a more integral supportive part of our community and activism in our organization is increasing.

As your President, I've worked tirelessly to make our organization a visible positive presence in Herricks. I've taken the time to speak to you, responded when you've contacted me, and most importantly listened to your concerns and then given voice to your positions. I recognize the importance of each member, regardless of his/her position, in making Herricks a premiere district. Cognizant of the importance of communication, I continue to reach out to you via one on one conversations, Constant Contact, monthly President's Pen, Facebook and Twitter to alert you of important news or provide updates regarding decisions made at BOE meetings. By educating and keeping you abreast of happenings we become stronger and more united.

As your leader, I work with the executive council and governing board to protect your rights and foster a stronger united membership. Together with the PNC's of our five units we negotiated respectable successor agreements. A leader does not simply make decisions, but more importantly listens to members' and other's opinions, weighs the facts, analyzes and then makes decisions that benefit members. I will continue to keep fighting and focusing on the critical issues that impact our profession and lives. I truly believe that Herricks is a district that provides a high caliber educational experience because of the hard work, and commitment of ALL our colleagues.

As an active participant at numerous district events and committees I am the voice and face of the HTA. Our professional presence and participation in the district and community is paramount to being an integral part of keeping Herricks and the HTA strong. Your engagement and involvement makes us even stronger.

I look forward to continuing to represent you as your chief delegate to the NYSUT Representative Assembly and AFT Conventions where I will work to enhance the HTA's stature in Albany and in our profession.

It has been my honor to represent you. I now ask for your endorsement and vote on May 17th so I may continue the work as your HTA President. As usual, I would be pleased to speak to you about the election or any union matter. I may be reached at: nidya@herricksta.org or (516) 244-2667.

In unity,

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