

Nidya Degliomini

I respectfully submit my name for reelection as the Herricks Teachers' Association President. It has been an honor to serve you for the last nine years. As your President, I've worked tirelessly to make our organization a visible, strong, positive presence in Herricks.

Returning to full in-person instruction brought many new challenges this year. We continued to live through many historical moments that will be remembered for generations. Attacks on education, and the many struggles faced caused angst for many members. Difficult times and challenges forge a person's true character, values and morals. Those challenges make you either weaker or stronger. As your leader I worked towards focusing on the positive, finding commonalities and uniting rather than creating division. Together with the executive council and building reps we worked together to unite and support each other.

Schools are the crown jewels of society. Our members are hardworking, amazing professionals. At Herricks we not only provide our students with a high caliber educational experience, but also create vital connections. We provide students caring, and emotional support through our everyday words and actions. Regardless of the various roles our members have in the District, we provide the new generation of citizens the empathy, compassion, strength and support needed to get through these difficult times.

The upcoming year will bring many new challenges. A new superintendent will be hired. The teacher and three SRP contracts will expire in June 2023. These are opportunities to exhibit our unwavering determination to keep our organization united. We will work together to become even stronger and more resilient yielding many more successes.

I ask for your endorsement and vote so I may continue being your HTA President. I also ask to represent you as your delegate to the NYSUT Representative Assembly and AFT Convention where I will work to enhance the HTA's stature in Albany and in our profession.

I would be happy 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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