

I'm Kelly Morenus and, with your approval, I would be honored to continue serving as the HTA's Vice President of Secondary Schools and representative to NYSUT.

It has been a privilege to have served in this position for the past year and I have learned a great deal as I have grown into this role. While I still have plenty to learn, I also still have a lot to give to this position.

First and foremost, my goal has been, and will continue to be, getting to know what the priorities of the members are and then fiercely advocating for those priorities. As we head into a negotiations year, this will be more important than ever. I promise to listen to everyone's concerns and wishes with an open mind and to do my very best to get the greatest possible deal for our membership. I will consider new members, veterans, and those on the cusp of retirement equally and will try to make decisions that are equitable for all. I will always advocate to maintain benefits for retirees and keep our excellent health insurance while opposing increases in premiums. As a hopeful future parent, I am a voice in favor of improving parental leave. I also understand the importance of giving fair compensation to our coaches and club advisors. While no one knows what may be on the table in a future contract, if elected, I promise to do all I can to advocate for our members and to consider everyone in each decision I make.

This year, I have been proud to represent the Herricks Teachers Association by attending NYSUT training, ED 19 meetings, the regional leadership conference, and the Committee of 100, which involves lobbying for public education in Albany. In addition, I have met legislators at the NYSUT office to advocate for improved educational policies and I have canvassed for NYSUT-backed candidates. In the coming weeks, I look forward to participating in Long Island's "Fix Tier 6" rally as well as the NYSUT representative assembly in Rochester.

I have also offered my voice and viewpoint at our weekly executive board meetings. I believe I bring an important perspective to these meetings as the youngest member on the executive board, the only tier 6 member, and the only member still in the first half of my educational career.

This year, I have worked hard to communicate with the building reps in both the middle school and the high school to help support them as they support you. I appreciate the challenge of representing multiple buildings, and I have made several visits to both the high school and shelter rock academy to communicate with members. It has been difficult to get to know everyone in all of the buildings especially if our schedules do not align, but, if reelected, I hope to continue and improve upon my efforts to get to know more of our members.

If you have any questions about my positions or my candidacy, please feel free to reach out to me at [kmorenus@gmail.com](mailto:kmorenus@gmail.com) or text me at 631-793-3963. It has been an honor to serve the HTA as Secondary Vice President and NYSUT representative and I hope you will give me the opportunity and the further honor to continue serving.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Morenus