**Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers**

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To: All BMUST Members

From: Mark Steinberg, President

Date: January 4, 2016

Subject: **Retirement, Returning From Leave, or Planning a Leave (Not Maternity)**

**Step 1: Any teacher who is considering retirement this year** should be aware that, based on our contract, you are encouraged to notify the district of your resignation for reasons of retirement by February 1, but that the **deadline** for notification is the Monday following the February break **(February 22).**

A sample letter for resignation should be worded as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resign my position of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_School for the purpose of retirement, effective the close of business, **June 30, 2016.**

**Teachers who are returning from leave or planning a leave of absence** (not maternity) must also notify the district in writing by that date.

All letters should be sent to Dr. Mara Bollettieri in the Personnel Office at Brookside School with a copy to Mark Steinberg at the Union Office at Brookside, Room 96, a copy to Rob Walsh at Mepham H.S. and a copy to Peter Brideson at Grand Avenue M. S.

**Step 2:** This letter will prompt personnel to work with you on your Health and Dental Insurance coverage.

**Step 3:** Contact the New York State Teachers Retirement System (NYSTRS.org).

**Step 4:** Please be on the lookout for information regarding 403B’s and 457’s for new retirees.

**Step 5:** Hank Sessa is our Retirement Consultant. You may want to contact him to make sure of anything else you may need to do. His contact information is: HANK@NYSRETIREMENTGUIDE.COM and his phone number is 631-335-8201.

**REMINDER:** There is a Retirement Planning Seminar on Wednesday, January 27, 2015 at 3 PM in the Brookside, South Cafeteria. Spouses and partners are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Kim Black at bmustsecretary@gmail.com with your full name, school, email address and phone number.

Mark Steinberg

President, BMUST