



PATCHOGUE MEDFORD CONGRESS OF TEACHERS



POLITICAL ACTION UPDATE

September 2020

Dear PMCT members,

First and foremost, I want to wish you and your loved one's good health, consolation if called for and endurance for the journey ahead. It goes without saying that we are living in unprecedented times. Besides navigating a public health crisis our nation has also come to a crossroads regarding race relations and recent nationwide social unrest. 2020 to date has been no joke. On top of all of that, we are now less than fifty days away from one of the most important elections in decades. Furthermore, it has become evident that public education and the funding thereof are facing dire possibilities. We continue to hear threats from our governor regarding cuts as much as 20%. We also hear how many states are struggling to stay financially solvent and desperately need federal assistance in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever before we need to exercise our collective voice by voting in the upcoming November 3rd elections. Despite the current challenges presented by the current public health crisis, you can still VOTE one of three ways.

- Absentee voting

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are concerned about contracting COVID-19. New York State is allowing voters to receive an absentee ballot by marking "temporary illness" on an application. You can receive an absentee ballot application by visiting absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov Or by calling your respective county board of elections office and requesting one be sent to you in the mail.

Suffolk County Board of Elections 631-852-4500

Nassau County Board of Elections 516-571-8683 or 516-571-2411

Or by picking one up in person

Suffolk County BOE

700 Yaphank Avenue

Yaphank, N.Y. 11980

Nassau County BOE

240 Old Country Road (5th floor)

Mineola, N.Y. 11501

You can also request an absentee ballot via email in Suffolk County by sending a message to absentee.voters@suffolkcountyny.gov

The email request must include your name, address and date of birth.

- Early Voting

Will be taking place statewide from October 24th through November 1st

There are 12 locations to do so in Suffolk County and 15 locations to do so in Nassau County. The lists of locations, dates and polling hours can be found on the following websites.

[Suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/boe](https://suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/boe)

Nassaucountyny.gov

- Election day voting

As always, you can vote at your regular polling place on November 3rd from 6:00AM – 9:00PM.

If you are not sure where your regular polling place is you can look it up by visiting

<https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov>

However, you go about doing so make sure you VOTE!!!

In solidarity,

Eli Tricoche
PMCT

Political Action Chairperson