

PCT PLEDGE

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Congress of Teachers**

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THE CHALLENGE AHEAD

By PCT President Morty Rosenfeld

Let me take this first opportunity to thank our membership for its continuing confidence in my leadership of the PCT. Together, we will continue to meet the many challenges facing the POB schools and public education.

One of the immediate challenges before us is the need to negotiate new contracts for all of our school district units. While always difficult, negotiations may prove even more complicated this year owing to the misconstruction and management of the District's current budget and a very significant mistake in its application for state aid in the past causing us to get more money than we were entitled to requiring us to pay the state back for the error. All of this has unfolded in a political context where last year we saw 47 school budgets fail on Long Island.

It's in this environment that the Board of Education received the Superintendent's proposed budget for the 2006-07 school year calling for an increase budget of 7.79% or about 8 million dollars.

It becomes easy to understand why we have not heard from the Board as to whether they wish to extend the existing contract, do some minor modifications as we did last year or undertake a full negotiations process. There are weighty issues before them.

Budget crunches raise the normally high anxiety levels of school districts to new and unbearable highs. It is important for us to remain calm and measured as we go through the budget process trying to negotiate new contracts at the same time. In our view, the District's financial problems while significant can be managed in ways that do not significantly impact the education of the community's children while remaining fair to the people who teach them and support the educational enterprise. The PCT has been pointing out for some time the unnecessary expenditures of our district for administrative bloat, superfluous consultants and staff development initiatives scorned by a staff that they are intended to help.

We have known for some time that the day would soon be at hand when the District would have to think deeply about its priorities. That time is now.

PCT/CUPCT/SUPCT OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominating petitions for PCT elected office having been due to the PCT Office on February 15, 2006, the nominating process is officially closed. The following candidates submitted petitions to run for office:

PCT

President - Morton Rosenfeld
Elementary VP - Nina Melzer
Middle School VP - Vicki Ahlsen
High School VP - Cindy Feldman
Secretary - Judith Alexanderson
Treasurer - Kevin Dugan

CUPCT

President - Lillian Feigenbaum
Vice President - Lucy Pedone
Secretary - Dorothy Griesbach
Treasurer - Nellie Hirshman

SUPCT

Chairperson - Eileen Vein
Secretary/Treasurer - Rose Weiner
Alternate - Ronnie Osofsky

In accordance with the PCT Constitution, in view of the fact that there will be not be a contested election for any union office, PCT Secretary Judi Alexanderson will cast one ballot for each office at the March meeting of the PCT Executive Board. The term of each elected officer will run from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008.

PCT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

On page two of the *Pledge*, readers will find the financial statement of the PCT for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2005.

The Officers of the PCT are pleased to report that the financial position of our union is excellent. We finished the fiscal year with a small surplus in a year which saw us reduce the percentage used to calculate our dues by one tenth of one percent. Our best estimate at this time is that we will be able to absorb the increased state organization dues we will have to pay next year when the merger of NEA/NY and NYSUT happens.

PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CONGRESS OF TEACHERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2005

ASSETS

<u>Current assets</u>	
Cash in banks	\$ 376,122
Cash on hand	250
Other receivables	836
Prepaid Expenses	1,223
Total current assets	\$ 378,431
<u>Fixed assets</u>	
Furniture and equipment, at cost	82,164
Less: accumulated depreciation	(75,587)
Total fixed assets	6,577
<u>Other assets</u>	
Security deposits	1,501
Total other assets	1,501
Total assets	\$ 386,509

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<u>Current liabilities</u>	
Payroll taxes payable	3,768
Accrued expenses	5,740
Deferred revenue	41,354
Loans and exchanges	373
Total liabilities	\$ 51,235
<u>Net assets</u>	
Unrestricted	335,274
Total net assets	335,274
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 386,509

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

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PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CONGRESS OF TEACHERS
SUPPORTING SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005

<u>Supporting services:</u>	
Per capita dues	\$ 149,833
Office salaries	74,881
Employee welfare costs & benefits	10,595
Life ins differential (note A)	2,904
Employee 403B plan	1,882
Payroll taxes	10,715
Real estate taxes	3,849
Rent	12,247
Officers' & building reps.	27,450
Officers' stipends	82,302
Conventions & conferences	24,869
Organizational meeting exp.	1,730
Dues & subscriptions	1,020
Grievance expenses	500
Publicity	799
Postage	5,086
Parties	7,205
Office supplies	5,085
Equipment rental	4,442
Repair & maintenance	6,658
Telephone	6,116
Legal fees	6,077
Accounting fees	2,750
Insurance	2,712
Utilities	2,180
Communications chair	1,000
Training	1,939
Coaching chair	1,000
Scholarships	500
Depreciation	3,601
Miscellaneous	1,756
Total supporting services	\$ 463,683

