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Effective January 1, 2024, the IRS standard mileage rate for business use is <u>\$0.67/mile</u>.

The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Office of Personnel Relations welcomes and wishes much success to: Gregory M. Stone,

the recently appointed Superintendent at the Weedsport Central School District

## Recent Commissioner's Decision on Short-Term Suspension Appeals

As has been stated in past articles of The Advocate, the current Commissioner of Education has made clear the procedures to appeal short-term suspensions must be clearly communicated to parents. See Appeal of J.B.W., 62 Ed. Dept., Decision No. 18205 (2022). In Appeal of J.B.W., supra, the Commissioner indicated that districts could adopt a policy requiring short-term appeals to go to the board and in the absence of such a policy, the appeal could go directly to the Commissioner. In this case, the Commissioner allowed the family to skip its appeal to the board, despite the district's policy, because the district never notified the family of their process.

Recently, the Commissioner reiterated this position in Appeal of S.R. and T.J.R., 63 Ed. Dept., Decision No. 18357 (2023). An 11th grade student ("Student A") asked another student ("Student B") if he wanted "to see the strap in my backpack." Student B reported this comment to a staff member, which resulted in the district searching Student A's backpack - accordion straps were discovered. Then Student A admitted he asked Student B about the strap and that he understood that "strap" also meant a gun or weapon. As a result, the principal gave the family a letter indicating a proposed 5-day suspension on October 20, 2022. Next, the district provided the family with another letter on October 21, 2022, indicating there would be a 5-day suspension between October 21, 2022 - October 27, 2022, and its policy that the family had to appeal all short-term

suspensions to the superintendent and board of education prior to the Commissioner. Nonetheless, the family appealed directly to the Commissioner, and the district argued the appeal should be dismissed for failure to exhaust administrative remedies. The Commissioner reiterated that short-term suspensions could be appealed directly to the Commissioner unless the school adopted a "reasonable and clearly communicated" policy requiring appeals to go to the board first. Since the district had a policy in place, notified the family of this policy and the parents admitted they received the notice, the Commissioner dismissed the appeal for failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

Based on these decisions, districts should examine their appeal procedures and determine whether it is appropriate for them to adopt a policy mandating that appeals concerning short-term suspensions must go to the board before the Commissioner. Additionally, districts should briefly indicate its appeals process in their short-term suspension notices when delivered to the family.

# Superintendent Hearings: Writing a Charge Statement

Our office has seen an uptick in excessively long charge statements for Superintendent's Hearings. Districts need to remember that they must prove whatever is in their charge statement and so providing too much information and/or detail might hinder the hearing process. Properly drafted charges will help to make the hearing run more smoothly and likely will result in consistent favorable outcomes.

Recommendations to utilize when drafting a charge:

- Be specific with only the actions that violated the code of conduct.
- Use dates, times, and locations.
- Generally, do not indicate what happened before the relevant events or why a student did what they are being charged with.

• Use phrases or words like "strike, hit, run, take, lie, without permission, failed to follow instructions, failed to act, unauthorized."

• Use direct terms. Don't equivocate. State that the student "struck" another. If the student swore or used threats, quote the student verbatim.

• Provide the relevant section(s) of the code of conduct.

• The principal, or whoever is presenting the district's case, should know the written charge to avoid surprises – everyone involved should know exactly what needs to be proven at the hearing.

### Example of a properly drafted charge:

"On November 21, 2023, in the science hallway, at approximately 9:40 am, John Smith struck Billy Johnson. John refused to leave the situation after staff broke up the fight and again struck Billy as he walked away. This conduct violates Article III, Section 2(b) of the District Code of Conduct, which prohibits students from engaging in acts of violence on school grounds."

Areas to avoid when drafting a charge:

• Do not generalize.

• Do not provide a narrative, emotions, or feelings. Oftentimes districts simply copy and paste what was written in the referral. Unfortunately, the referral likely indicates more information than is necessary. The district can provide any additional information, including a narrative and background, that it feels is relevant through its testimony and evidence at the hearing.

• Do not use absolutes such as "always, never, all or none."

• Do not use legal terms such as "assault, robbery, felony, and misdemeanor."

### Example of an improperly drafted charge:

"On November 21, 2023, John Smith was walking down the science hallway speaking with Billy Johnson about a girl. A teacher also overheard the conversation and thought John seemed annoyed with Billy. John punched Billy for saying that the girl didn't like him, when actually she did. The girl could be seen on camera footage running and shouting something at the boys. John was angry at the teacher for breaking up the fight, yelled something inaudible and re-engaged with Billy when Billy walked away with a teacher. The boys have had many fights in the past and animosity has always existed between them."

Following the above guidelines gives the district the best opportunity to adequately prove its charges by substantial and competent evidence. Clear and concise charges should help alleviate issues as well as provide less opportunity for derailment by combative students and/or families during a hearing.

# Workplace Violence Prevention Law Update

In 2006, New York enacted the Workplace Violence Prevention Law (WVPL) in its adoption of Section 27–b of the Labor Law. The purpose behind this law was to require all public employers to evaluate workplaces and develop programs necessary to prevent workplace violence. However, the law excluded employers "as defined in...the education law." So, for nearly two decades, public schools were exempt from this law.

This changed on September 6, 2023, when Governor Hochul enacted legislation amending Section 27-b of the Labor Law. Chapter 351 of the Laws of 2023 (S1746/ A1120) removed the longstanding exemption and made the WVPL applicable to schools. The amendment takes effect on February 3, 2024, and the New York State Education Department has issued guidance on how public school districts, charter schools, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) should comply with its implementation.

However, before reviewing the timeline for compliance, it's worth briefly reviewing the statutory language. Labor Law Section 27-b, Section 1 reads:

The purpose of this section is to ensure that the risk of workplace assaults and homicides is evaluated by affected public employers and their employees and that such employers design and implement workplace violence protection programs to prevent and minimize the hazard of workplace violence to public employees. In addition to this general language, Title 12 of the New York Codes of Rules and Regulations, Part 800.6, provides definitions of:

Imminent danger. Any conditions or practices in any place of employment which are such that a danger exists which could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm immediately or before the imminence of such danger can be eliminated through the enforcement procedures otherwise provided for by this Part.

<u>Serious physical harm</u>. Physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death, or which causes death or serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ or a sexual offense as defined in Article 130 of the Penal Law.

<u>Workplace Violence</u>: Any physical assault or acts of aggressive behavior occurring where a public employee performs any work-related duty in the course of his or her employment including but not limited to:

> (i) an attempt or threat, whether verbal or physical, to inflict physical injury upon an employee;

> (ii) any intentional display of force which would give an employee reason to fear or expect bodily harm;

> (iii) intentional and wrongful physical contact with a person without his or her consent that entails some injury;

(iv) stalking an employee with the intent of causing fear of material harm to the physical safety and health of such employee when such stalking has arisen through and in the course of employment.

With this general background of definitions in mind, all public schools and BOCES must implement the WVPL within the following timeline:

### 1. On or before February 3, 3024:

Employers must provide a Workplace Violence Policy Statement, which concerns the employers' workplace violence prevention program, its goals, objectives, and a brief overview. This Statement must be posted where all employee notices are normally posted.

#### 2. On or before March 4, 2024:

Employers must complete a risk evaluation and determination of their workplaces. This must include an evaluation of written records of prior violent incidents, relevant policies, and the physical environments of workplaces. Factors to be considered in this evaluation are set forth in Labor Law Section 27-b, Section 3 and include:

a. Working in public settings;

b. Working late night or early morning hours;

c. Exchanging money with the public;

- d. Working alone or in small numbers;
- e. Uncontrolled access to the workplace; and
- f. Areas of previous security problems.
- 3. On or before March 19, 2024:

Employers must develop a written Workplace Violence Prevention Program (WVPP). Notably, previously developed and implemented safety and health programs that have been completed to comply with other federal, state, or local regulations, may suffice to satisfy this requirement, so long as they are modified to include the requirements of the WVPL.

#### 4. On or before May 3, 2024:

Employers must be in full compliance with the regulations.

Lastly, all workplace violence prevention programs must provide for annual employee training, and all employees must be provided with initial training by May 3, 2024.

Additional information on the expansion of the WVPL can be found at:

https://dol.ny.gov/news/new-york-statedepartment-labor-announces-broadenedworkplace-violence-prevention-law-now

Please also reach out to the Office of Labor Relations at (315) 255-7683 with any questions you may have.

### RECENT AREA TEACHER CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS

CAYUGA-ONON			2019-	2020	2021	2022-	2023	2024-	2025	2026	2027	
	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022-2023	2023- 2024	2024-2025	2025- 2026	2026- 2027	2027- 2028	AVG.
BOCES	2.70	2.75	2.80	2.80	1.99	4.00	4.00	4.00				3.13
Auburn	2.60	2.70	2.75	2.80	2.85	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00			3.30
Cato-Meridian	2.50	2.85	2.85	2.70	3.50	3.25	3.00					2.95
Jordan-Elbridge	2.80	2.80	2.80	2.80	4.00	4.00	4.00					3.31
Moravia	2.90	2.85	2.80	2.80	2.80	4.25	4.25	4.25				3.36
Port Byron	2.70	2.60	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	3.75 +\$600	3.75				2.94
Skaneateles	3.20	3.10	3.00	3.40	3.60	3.60						3.32
So. Cayuga	2.75	2.75	\$1,900	3.00	\$1,900	4.75	4.50					3.55
Union Springs	2.50	2.75	2.80	2.85	2.85	2.88	2.99					2.80
Weedsport	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.25			2.94
	2.74	2.79	2.83	2.88	3.05	3.66	3.72	3.85	3.63			
BROOME-TIOC	2.75	\$2,000	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.0+	4.25	3.25				3.21
Deposit	3.00	2.99	\$400 + 3.00	\$400 + 3.00	\$400 + 3.00	\$1250 \$400 + 3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00			3.00
Maine-Endwell	2.95	2.95	3.10 + \$300	3.10	4.90	2.96	2.96	2.96				3.25
Owego-Apal.	2.75	3.00	3.50	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	1	İ	ĺ	3.34
Union-Endicott	2.90	3.50	3.50	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	1		İ	3.49
Vestal	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.15	3.20		ĺ	ĺ		3.05
	2.86	3.07	3.10	3.02	3.38	3.42	3.57	3.55	3.00			
<b>DELAWARE-CH</b> Sidney	IENANGO 4.00	<b>-MADISO</b> 4.00	<b>DN-OTSEC</b> 4.00	<b>GO BOCE</b> 4.00	S 3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00				3.88
OSWEGO BOCI	ES											
Hannibal	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00				2.97
Phoenix			3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00		3.50
	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.50	3.50	4.00	4.00		
TOMPKINS-SE	NECA-TIC	OGA BOC	ES									
Candor	3.20	2.0 + \$44/step	2.0 + \$44/step	1.25	2.0 + \$45/step	2.0 + \$45/step	3.50					2.65
Dryden	3.13	4.42	4.25	4.14	3.31	\$200 + 4.80	\$200 + 4.80	\$200 + 4.80				3.85
Groton	6.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.50	7.00	4.50	4.00	4.00		4.40
Newfield	3.25	3.00	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.75	4.00	4.25			İ	3.44
South Seneca	3.25	3.25	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	7.00	6.00	5.50	İ	İ	4.33
Trumansburg	3.25	3.50	3.50	3.00	3.25	3.75	4.00					3.46

#### **RECENT AREA TEACHER CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS**

#### WAYNE - FINGER LAKES BOCES

	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025	2025- 2026	2026- 2027	2027- 2028	AVG
Clyde-Savannah	3.25	3.25	3.00	2.0 + \$125	3.30	3.25	3.25	3.25				3.22
Dundee	2.50	4.00	3.25	3.25	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75				3.00
Gananda	3.20	3.10	3.20	3.40	3.00	5.00	5.00					3.70
Geneva	3.50	2.50	3.00	2.50	2.50	2.70						2.78
Gorham- Middlesex	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.20	3.50	3.50	3.50					3.24
Honeoye	3.30	3.30	3.35	3.45	3.60	3.60	3.50	3.40				3.44
Lyons	2.90 + \$300	2.90 + \$200	3.10*	3.30*	5.10	3.60	3.60	3.60				3.72
Manchester- Shortsville	2.50	2.50	2.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00					3.50
Naples	2.60	3.50	3.45	3.35	3.25	3.50	3.50					3.31
Newark	3.00	3.25	3.10	3.20	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.30				3.22
Palmyra-Macedon	2.75	2.75	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.50					3.14
Penn Yan	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.0% + \$125	3.0% + \$125	4.00 + \$1500	4.00	4.00			3.33
Phelps-Cl Springs	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.60	3.90	3.40	3.75	3.60	3.50		3.38
Red Creek	3.25	3.00	2.50			3.90 + \$600	3.90 + \$600	3.90 + \$600				3.41
Romulus	3.00	3.00	2.75	2.75	2.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.31
Seneca Falls	2.50	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.80	3.60	3.30	+1,200			3.03
Sodus	3.30	3.30	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.95	3.75	3.00	3.00		3.23
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Waterloo	3.00	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.25	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00			3.61
Wayne	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.50	3.50					3.07
Williamson	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.75	3.15	3.80	3.50	3.25	3.25			3.24
	2.93	3.05	3.05	3.23	3.32	3.58	3.66	3.56	3.64	3.50	4.00	

\* Lyons: 2019-20 and 2020-21 + \$1,000 at 21 years; 2021-22 all unit members received an extra assignment

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#### RECENT AREA NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS

CAYUGA-ONONDAG	2016-	2017-	2018-	2019-	2020-	2021-	2022-	2023-	2024-	2025-	2026-	
	2010	2018	2019	2020	2020	2021	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Avg.
BOCES												
Aides (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	2.70	2.75	2.80	1.99	1.99	1.99				2.40
Non-Instructional	2.50	2.70	2.75	2.80	2.80	1.99	4.00	4.00	4.00		ļ	3.06
Auburn												
Aides/Clerical (NYSUT)	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.90	2.85	2.80	2.75	2.75				2.73
Bus Drivers (CSEA)	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.90	2.90				2.81
Cust/Maint. (CSEA)	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.90	2.90				2.81
Nurses (SEIU)	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50		2.50
Cato-Meridian												
Aides/Ass'ts (SEIU)	75¢/hr	75¢/hr	50¢/hr	45¢/hr	45¢/hr	7.00	10.00	10.00			İ	9.00
Bus Drivers (CSEA)	2.00	2.50	2.50	2.25	2.25	10.00	3.00	3.00	3.00			3.39
Cust./Maint. (CSEA)	2.00	2.50	2.50	2.25	2.25	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00			2.83
Jordan-Elbridge		İ		İ							İ	
Aides/Clerical(SEIU)	2.50	2.50	2.80	3.00	50¢+3.0	50¢+3.0	\$2+4.0	\$1.50+4.0	\$1.50+4.0			3.20
Bus Drivers	2.50	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00			3.17
Cust./Maint (SEIU)	2.50	2.50	2.80	3.00	50¢+3.0	50¢+3.0	\$2+4.0	\$1.5+4.0	\$1.5+4.0			3.20
Cafeteria (SEIU)	2.50	2.50	2.80	3.00	50¢+3.0	50¢+3.0	\$2+4.0	\$1.5+4.0	\$1.5+4.0			3.20
Transportation	2.75	2.75	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00			3.20
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Moravia						On 1/1/ \$1.40/h						
Aides/Ass't (CSEA)	2.75	2.75	2.75	70¢/hr	2.75	70¢/hr	2.75	\$2/hr	6.00	5.00		3.54
CSEA	2.75	2.75	2.75	70¢/hr	2.75	70¢/hr	2.75	\$2/hr	6.00	5.00	ĺ	3.54
Port Byron												
Aides (SEIU)	2.50	2.50	2.50	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.36
Cust./Maint. (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	2.50	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.36
Cafeteria (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	2.50	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.36
Nurse (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	2.50	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.36
Clerical (SEIU)	2.50	2.50	2.50	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.36
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Skaneateles	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00				2.00
Aides (CSEA)	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00				2.88
Tchr Ass't (CSEA)	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00				2.88
Cust./Maint (CSEA) Nurses (CSEA)	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00				2.88
Clerical (CSEA)	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00				2.88
Clerical (CSEA)	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00				2.88
So. Cayuga	1	İ		İ							İ	
Aides (CSEA)	45¢/hr	45¢/hr	50¢/hr	2.75	50¢/hr	3.25	3.25	3.25				3.13
Tchr. Ass't (CSEA)	45¢/hr	45¢/hr	50¢/hr	2.75	50¢/hr	3.25	3.25	3.25				3.13
Bus Drivers (CSEA)	45¢/hr	45¢/hr	50¢/hr	2.75	50¢/hr	3.25	3.25	3.25			İ	3.13
Bus Mech (CSEA)	45¢/hr	45¢/hr	50¢/hr	2.75	50¢/hr	3.25	3.25	3.25			1	3.13
Cust./Maint (CSEA)	45¢/hr	45¢/hr	50¢/hr	2.75	50¢/hr	3.25	3.25	3.25			İ	3.13
Cafeteria (CSEA)	45¢/hr	45¢/hr	50¢/hr	2.75	50¢/hr	3.25	3.25	3.25			1	3.13

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CAYUGA-ONONDAG	A BOCES	cont'd	0		_	0					_	
	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025	2025- 2026	2026- 2027	Avg
So. Cayuga cont'd												
Nurses (CSEA)	45¢/hr	45¢/hr	50¢/hr	2.75	50¢/hr	3.25	3.25	3.25				3.13
Clerical (CSEA)	45¢/hr	45¢/hr	50¢/hr	2.75	50¢/hr	3.25	3.25	3.25				3.13
Union Springs	1	1	İ	1			1	İ	İ			
Aides (SEIU)	2.50	*2.50	*2.50	*2.50	*2.50	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			2.50
Tchr. Ass'ts (SEIU)	2.50	*2.50	*2.50	*2.50	*2.50	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			2.50
Bus Drivers (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			2.80
Bus Mech (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			2.80
Cust/Maint. (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			2.80
Cafeteria (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			2.80
Nurses (SEIU)	2.50	*2.50	*2.50	*2.50	*2.50	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			2.50
Clerical (SEIU)	2.50	*2.50	*2.50	*2.50	*2.50	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			2.50
		* @ % +	\$250									
Weedsport												
Aides (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	3.00	3.25				2.78
Bus Drivers (CSEA)	*2.50	*2.50	2.75	2.75	2.75	\$5/hr	3.00	3.25				2.79
Bus Mech (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	2.75	2.75	2.75	\$5/hr	3.00	3.25				2.79
Cust/Maint. (CSEA)	2.50	2.50	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	3.00	3.25				2.78
C-O BOCES Avg.	2.43	2.60	2.73	2.84	2.83	3.45	3.32	3.49	4.04	4.06	4.00	
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BROOME-TIOGA BOCES												
Chenango Valley												
Non-Instruct. (NYSUT)	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.0 or 70¢/hr	3.0 or \$1/hr	3.0 or 70¢/hr	3.0 or 70¢/hr				3.00
Deposit												
CSEA	3.00	3.00	3.00	\$1/hr	4.00	50¢/hr	\$2/hr	\$1.25/hr	\$1.25/hr			3.25
Maine-Endwell												
Cust./Maint.	50¢/hr	75¢/hr	65¢/hr	60¢/hr	50¢/hr	75¢/hr	75¢/hr	75¢/hr	75¢/hr			
Supp Staff	\$1150-	\$950-	\$850-	75¢/hr	75¢/hr	70¢/hr	80¢/hr	80¢/hr	80¢/hr			
Supp Starr	\$1375	\$1225	\$1150	7 <i>5</i> ¢/m	15¢/11	/0¢/111	00¢/11	00¢/11	00,0111			
Transp	\$910- \$1625	\$860- \$1525	\$810 - \$1425	\$300 + 3.25	\$300 + 3.25	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr				3.25
Owego-Apalachin	1		1									
NYSUT	2.50	2.50	2.85	2.85	2.85	4.99 + 30¢/hr	4.99 + 30¢/hr	4.99 + 30¢/hr				3.57
Union Endicott	1	<u> </u>										
Cafe. Workers	2.70	3.40	*3.00	*3.00	3.00	3.00	4.0+80¢	4.0+80¢	4.00	4.00		3.35
Cent Office	2.70	3.40	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.0+80¢	4.0+80¢	4.00	4.00		3.26
Comp & Tech	2.70	3.40	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00						3.02
Dist Office	2.70	3.40	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00						3.02
Maint. Workers	2.70	3.40	5.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	\$1500 + 4.00	\$1500 + 4.00	4.00	4.00		3.26
School Aides	2.70	3.40	3.00	*3.00	*3.00	12.9	3.00	3.00	3.00			4.43
Senioor / nues	2.10	5.40	5.00	5.00	5.00	12.7	5.00	5.00	5.00			L

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	REC	ENT ARE	A NON-	INSTRU	CTION	AL CON	TRACT	SETTL	EMENT	S		
	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025	2025- 2026	2026- 2027	Avg.
BROOME-TIOGA B	OCES con	t'd	0									
Vestal												
Paraprofessional		3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00		\$1.25	90¢/hr	80¢/hr	75¢/hr		3.00
Employees	2.90	2.95	3.00	0.00	0.00	10.0	\$3.00	\$1.00	\$1.00			3.14
B-T BOCES Avg	2.75	3.19	3.17	2.61	2.65	5.24	4.00	4.00	3.75	4.00		
OSWEGO BOCES												
Hannibal												
CSEA	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.25	2.00	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.50	2.64
HEA	2.20	2.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00		2.85
TOMPKINS-SENEC.	A-TIOGA	BOCES										
Dryden												
NYSUT	2.90	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.00	3.80	3.80					3.46
Groton												
CSEA	2.25	2.25	2.25	\$1.50/hr	3.00	60¢/hr	\$1.30-\$2	50¢/hr	3.00	3.00		2.63
Newfield						+ 25¢/h						
CSEA	2.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.50	4.50					3.32
South Seneca												
Local	2.60	2.10	2.00	\$1.40- \$2.00/hr	3.50	2.50	2.50					2.53
Trumansburg												
Local	50¢/hr	56¢/hr	3.50	3.00	3.25	3.00	3.25	3.50				3.25
T-S-T BOCES Avg.	2.60	2.78	2.85	3.17	3.15	3.45	3.51	3.50	3.00	3.00		
WAYNE-FINGER LA	KES BOO	CES										
Clyde-Savannah						* 1.5% -	3%, based o	on years				
Supp Pers (CSEA)	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	2.50	*+70¢/hr	2.50	2.50	2.50			3.00
Transp.	3.75	3.60	3.50	3.50	75¢/hr	3.00	1.50	*00.00				2.64
						*up to \$	28.50/hr bas	ed on yrs				
Dundee												
CSEA	2.50	2.50	2.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	\$1.80	4.00	4.00	4.00		3.50
Gananda												
CSEA	50¢/hr or 3.2%	70¢/hr or 3.2%	70¢/hr or 3.2%	75¢/hr	\$1.25/ hr	75¢/hr	\$1.10/hr or 3.8%	4.00				3.66
Geneva			*for 5+ yr	s of service u	p to \$1.00							
CSEA	3.00	3.00	*5¢/hr/yrs	75¢/hr	75¢/hr	75¢/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr				3.00
Gorham-Middlesex (1	NYSUT)											
Bus Drivers	2.70	2.70	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$3/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr		2.70
Cust./F Serv	2.50	50¢/hr	50¢/hr	3.00	3.00	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			2.83
Teacher Aides	2.70	50¢/hr	50¢/hr	3.00	3.00	3.75	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr			3.06
Honeoye						*+\$/hr ba	sed on years	*+\$.30-1.	20/hr based o	on years		

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#### RECENT AREA NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS

WAYNE-FINGER LA	KES BOO	CES con't										
	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025	2025- 2026	2026- 2027	Avg.
Lyons												
NYSUT	1.80	1.80	1.80	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90			2.53
	+54¢/hr	+54¢/hr	+54¢/hr	+70¢/hr	+70¢/hr	+70¢/hr	+90¢/hr	+90¢/hr	+90¢/hr			
Manchester-S'ville												
CSEA	2.50	2.50	35¢/hr	30¢/hr	60¢/hr	70¢/hr	70¢/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr	\$1/hr		2.50
Naples								* greater	r of		<u>.</u>	
CSEA	2.80	2.90	2.90	3.50	3.50	3.75	3.90	*3.9 or 70¢/hr	*3.9 or 70¢/hr			3.53
Newark		*or starti	ng rate +1.29	% if greater								
Custodians (CSEA)	2.00	* 50¢/hr	2.90	2.90	2.75	\$2.25/hr	\$1.75/hr	\$1.00/hr	\$1.00/hr			2.59
Tchr Aides/Asst (NYSUT)	*2.25	*2.25	1.50	* 2.9 + 40¢/hr	* 2.9 + 35¢/hr	* 2.9 + 35¢/hr	2.5 + 55¢/hr	2.5 + 65¢/hr	2.5 + 75¢/hr			2.46
	* 2.25-3.09	% based on y	ears	*	OR Salary R	ate						
Palmyra-Macedon												
CSEA, salary	2.90	\$2,400	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,600 or 3.5	\$2,080 or 3.5	3.50				3.35
CSEA, hourly	2.90	\$1.15/hr	\$1.20/hr	\$1.20/hr	\$1.20/hr	\$1.25/hr or 3.5	\$1.00/hr or 3.5	3.50				3.35
Penn Yan					İ		İ	ĺ				
CSEA	2.35	2.35	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00				2.84
Phelps-Cl Springs (NY	SUT)					On 1/1/22	add \$2.50/hr					
Nurses/Food Serv/Bus Driver/Maint	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.25	3.50	3.50	2.00	2.50	2.50			2.81
Aides/Clerical	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.30	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	3.80
Red Creek												
CSEA	2.50	2.50	\$1.00/hr	3.00	+60¢/hr	3.00	4.50	4.00				3.25
Romulus												
CSEA	3.00	3.00	3¢/hr +2.85%	3¢/hr +2.85%	3¢/hr +2.85%	3¢/hr +2.85%	3.00	3.00	2.75			2.95
		or	48¢/hr	48¢/hr	48¢/hr	48¢/hr						
Seneca Falls												
NEA/NYSUT	2.75	2.50	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.00					2.54
Sodus					1			+50-75¢				
CSEA	3.15	3.20	3.20	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.50	3.50	3.75	3.23
Waterloo												
NEA/NYSUT	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	% based on YOS	4.00	4.00	4.00		3.33
Wayne												
CSEA	2.90	2.70	2.90	5.00	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.73
			OR \$1.0	0/hr								
Williamson	ĺ	1	ĺ		1	1	ĺ			İ		
CSEA	2.00	3.50	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.75	2.75	2.75			2.89
WFL BOCES Avg.	2.77	2.85	2.85	3.11	3.35	3.45	2.97	3.06	3.16	3.82	3.94	

# **AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**

#### New York State Rate

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
2023	4.6%	4.5%	4.0%	3.7%	3.8%	4.2%	4.1%	4.4%	4.0%	4.4%	4.0%	4.4%	4.2%
2022	5.3%	5.1%	4.7%	4.2%	4.1%	4.3%	4.8%	4.9%	3.9%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	4.4%

#### Syracuse, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
2023	4.1%	3.9%	3.4%	2.6%	3.0%	3.3%	3.1%	3.5%	3.2%	3.5%	3.6%		
2022	4.0%	4.2%	3.9%	3.3%	3.2%	3.4%	3.7%	3.7%	3.1%	2.5%	2.8%	3.0%	3.4%

#### Cayuga County Statistical Area

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
2023	4.2%	4.0%	3.6%	2.6%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.6%	3.0%	3.3%	3.5%		
2022	4.0%	4.3%	4.1%	3.2%	3.0%	3.2%	3.6%	3.7%	2.9%	2.3%	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%

#### Broome County Statistical Area

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
2023	4.7%	4.2%	3.7%	2.7%	3.1%	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%	3.4%	3.8%	3.9%		
2022	4.5%	4.6%	4.3%	3.5%	3.3%	3.7%	4.1%	4.1%	3.3%	2.7%	3.0%	3.2%	3.7%

#### Ithaca, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
2023	3.5%	2.9%	2.4%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	2.9%	3.2%	2.8%	3.2%	2.9%		
2022	2.8%	3.0%	2.7%	2.3%	2.4%	2.8%	3.2%	3.0%	2.6%	2.1%	2.3%	2.4%	2.6%

#### Ontario/Seneca/Wayne/Yates Statistical Area

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
2023	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%	2.4%	2.6%	2.8%	2.7%	3.1%	2.8%	3.1%	3.2%		
2022	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	2.6%	2.2%	2.5%	2.8%	3.0%

#### Rochester, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area

١	/ear	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
2	2023	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%	2.5%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.5%	3.2%	3.6%	3.6%		
2	2022	3.9%	4.1%	3.8%	3.1%	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%	3.1%	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%	3.4%

\* Please note that <u>2022</u> data has been updated as labor force statistics for all LAUS areas are revised each year as part of the benchmarking process. The annual benchmarking process is part of the nationwide reestimating procedure mandated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Source: New York State Department of Labor Statistics

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# **CONSUMER PRICE INDICES**

	INDEX 1982-84 BASE YEAR=100	% INCREASE FROM PRIOR MONTH	FROM
N	ovember 20	23	
NY-Northeastern New Jersey Are	ea		
1. All Urban Consumers	324.520	- 0.2	3.0
<ol> <li>Urban Wage Earners</li> <li>&amp; Clerical Workers</li> </ol>	319.611	- 0.2	3.2
J.S. City Average			
1. All Urban Consumers	307.051	- 0.2	3.1
2. Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers	301.224	- 0.3	3.0
D	ecember 20	23	
NY-Northeastern New Jersey Are	ea		
1. All Urban Consumers	324.691	0.1	2.9
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2. Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers 319.627

U.S. City Average

 1. All Urban Consumers
 306.746
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 2. Urban Wasa Formers
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2. Urban Wage Earners<br/>& Clerical Workers300.728- 0.23.3

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# **COST OF LIVING UPDATE**

### **ALL CITIES**

### **NY - NORTHEASTERN NEW JERSEY**

Month	Revised Wage Earner Index	%	All Urban Consumers Index	%	Revised Wage Earner Index	%	All Urban Consumers Index	%
Jan-21	255.3	1.6	261.6	1.4	279.9	1.4	285.5	1.2
Feb-21	256.8	1.9	263.0	1.7	281.0	1.7	286.5	1.4
Mar-21	258.9	3.0	264.9	2.6	281.8	2.1	287.5	2.0
Apr-21	261.2	4.7	267.1	4.2	283.9	3.3	289.5	3.2
May-21	263.6	5.6	269.2	5.0	285.3	3.2	291.0	3.2
Jun-21	266.4	6.1	271.7	5.4	288.3	4.3	293.9	4.1
Jul-21	267.8	6.0	273.0	5.4	288.3	3.7	293.6	3.5
Aug-21	268.4	5.8	273.6	5.3	289.1	4.0	293.9	3.7
Sep-21	269.1	5.9	274.3	5.4	290.7	4.2	295.5	3.8
Oct-21	271.6	6.9	276.6	6.2	291.8	4.9	296.5	4.3
Nov-21	273.0	7.6	277.9	6.8	293.0	5.5	297.5	5.0
Dec-21	273.9	7.8	278.8	7.0	292.7	5.0	296.9	4.4
Jan-22	276.3	8.2	281.1	7.5	296.2	5.8	300.2	5.1
Feb-22	278.9	8.6	283.7	7.9	297.0	5.7	301.2	5.1
Mar-22	283.2	9.4	287.5	8.5	300.9	6.8	305.0	6.1
Apr-22	284.6	8.9	289.1	8.3	303.2	6.8	307.8	6.3
May-22	288.0	9.3	292.3	8.6	305.2	7.0	309.2	6.3
Jun-22	292.5	9.8	296.3	9.1	309.6	7.4	313.6	6.7
Jul-22	292.2	9.1	296.3	8.5	308.5	7.0	312.6	6.5
Aug-22	291.6	8.7	296.2	8.3	309.0	6.9	313.3	6.6
Sep-22	291.9	8.5	296.8	8.2	308.5	6.1	313.3	6.6
Oct-22	293.0	7.9	298.0	7.7	308.8	5.8	314.3	6.0
Nov-22	292.5	7.1	297.7	7.1	309.6	5.7	315.0	5.9
Dec-22	291.1	6.3	296.8	6.5	309.9	5.9	315.7	6.3
Jan-23	293.6	6.3	299.2	6.4	312.2	6.0	318.2	6.0
Feb-23	295.1	5.8	300.8	6.0	313.3	5.5	319.3	6.0
Mar-23	296.0	4.5	301.8	5.0	312.8	4.0	319.0	4.6
Apr-23	297.7	4.6	303.4	4.9	313.2	3.3	319.2	3.7
May-23	298.4	3.6	304.1	4.0	313.7	2.8	320.0	3.5
Jun-23	299.4	2.3	305.1	3.0	315.1	1.8	321.3	2.5
Jul-23	299.9	2.6	305.7	3.2	316.1	2.5	322.5	3.2
Aug-23	301.6	3.4	307.0	3.7	318.3	3.0	324.4	3.5
Sep-23	302.3	3.6	307.8	3.7	320.0	3.7	325.6	3.7
Oct-23	302.1	3.1	307.7	3.7	320.2	3.7	325.3	3.5
Nov-23	301.2	3.0	307.0	3.1	3196	3.2	324.5	3.0
Dec-23	300.7	3.3	306.7	3.4	319.6	3.1	324.7	2.9

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