

# UTICA REGIONAL OFFICE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Radisson Hotel ■ 200 Genesee Street ■ Utica, New York

January 27, 2017

## AGENDA

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. ≈ Registration/Vendors and Displays

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. ≈ Networking Social Hour/Entertainment/Raffles

5:30 – 6:45 p.m. ◇Workshop 1◇

6:45 – 8:00 p.m. ◇Workshop 2◇

Raffles Will Take Place During the Networking Social Hour

## WORKSHOPS

### 1. Retirement

*Paul Farfaglia - NYS Teachers' Retirement System Trustee - double session*

This workshop will cover the structure of the defined benefit pension available to members of NYSUT. It will include an overview of the pension benefit and the tier structures, as well as steps members should take as they prepare for retirement. The workshop will also address how local leaders should direct members who have questions regarding their pension benefit. There will be time for questions and answers.

### 2. Using Math Games To Enhance Student Understanding Of NYS Learning Standards

*Mary Beth Cosentino, Math AIS, Whitesboro Central School District (3-5 Audience)*

*Stephanie Corchado, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Utica City School District (K-2 Audience)*

This workshop offers many different games for use in the classroom to support the NYS Math standards. There will be a combination of partner, small group and entire class games. These games focus primarily on computation and number sense.

### 3. Professional Development Options For NYSED Certification Requirements

*Richard Moon - Student Teacher Program Coordinator, Utica College*

This workshop will provide information on various opportunities for professional development and also clarification of the protocol to insure that you receive credit for your participation.

### 4. Pre-Retirement

*Derek Clement - Financial Services and Benefits Coordinator*

Designed for those considering or nearing retirement, this workshop covers a variety of financial topics that members will face throughout their retirement years. These topics include, 403(b)/IRS options, Income Taxes, Social Security Strategies, and more. This is **NOT** a TRS or ERS-sponsored presentation, and neither retirement system will be in attendance at this workshop.

### 5. Science Kits

*Matthew Bashant – Supervisor, Instructional Support Services, Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES*

The Oneida Herkimer Madison Science Center is working in conjunction with regional districts to proactively address the Next Generation Science Standards and draft NYS Science Learning Standards. In balancing development on new standards with existing assessments, the team has focused on development on the K-5 strand for physical kit delivery, while creating online review resources for the existing fourth grade exam. A similar model for the eighth grade assessment can be developed. Stop in to review the status of NYS science landscape and how collaboratively a region working to support its implementation.

### 6. Media Literacy

*Paul Vitagliano – Prevention Director, Insight House Family and Education Center*

Media Literacy training designed to bring the participants to the awareness of how much of our lives are affected by the media. The media literate person does not turn off the radio, TV, or Internet, rather, they have a clear understanding of how to interpret the outside world and remain true to their own core values.

### 7. Flipped Classroom Global Initiative

*Stacy Dawes – English Teacher and EdTech Trainer, Utica City School District, Flipped Classroom International Ambassador, Edmodo Ambassador*

“What is the best use of your class time?” Interested in learning more about “Flipped Learning?” In our time together we will cover the Core Principles of Flipped Learning. The Four Hurdles of Flipping, Planning the Best Practices, and delve into some research behind the concept. Having an internet-accessible device such as a smartphone, tablet or laptop may be beneficial for participation as we move through our content.

### 8. Self-Defense For Teachers

*Anne Tavares and Kathy Willard – Advanced Self-Defense Instructors/Co-Owners, EmpoweringU Self-Defense – limited to 30 participants per session*

It's an unfortunate reality for teachers that they may someday encounter a violent situation. In this breakout you will learn how to improve your chances of getting away from various scenarios using realistic self- defense techniques.



# New York State United Teachers Utica Regional Office Educational Conference

## REGISTRATION FORM

CONFERENCE DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

NAME:

ADDRESS:

HOME TELEPHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:  
*MUST BE INCLUDED*

SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Registration form input fields for Name, Address, Home Telephone, E-mail Address, and School District.



***Deadline: Friday, January 13, 2017***



*In the event of a snow day*

*Participants will be notified via e-mail.*

## WORKSHOP

Please select four workshops in order of preference. Every effort will be made to register you in your first choice. Please use the workshop number.

**Session 1**

**WORKSHOPS**

**Session 2**

**First Choice**

**First Choice**

**Second Choice**

**Second Choice**

## PAYMENT

*Register early to avoid disappointment!*

Please complete and return with a check made payable to "NYSUT" in the amount of \$30.00 (includes the networking social hour and workshops.) Please send to:

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