



The State, however, has chosen to appeal our victories to the Appellate Division. We just received word that the court has asked for and scheduled oral argument in the state's appeal for October 15, 2015. Sad to say, we are probably looking at months before we get a decision, a decision that can be appealed to the Court of Appeals. Talk about justice delayed!

### **WELFARE FUND AND PCT IMPROVE LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Effective September 1, 2015, the PCT life insurance benefit will increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This benefit is at no cost to our members.

Also on September 1, 2015, the PFT Welfare Fund life insurance benefit will increase from \$40,000 to \$80,000.

Thus, PCT members now have \$100,000 of term life insurance at no cost to them.

There is an option on the PCT side to purchase up to an additional \$180,000 of life insurance. Members will be receiving a separate flyer explaining how one goes about obtaining this additional coverage should they desire it.

### **LANE CHANGES**

PCT members are reminded that if they completed sufficient course work over the summer to advance a lane or more on the salary schedule, they need to inform the Personnel Office before September 10, 2015. So long as this notification is made, payment on the new lane is assured as soon as the official university transcript is received by the district.

### **WE ALL KNOW IT WILL TAKE TIME**

With all of the work on our schools that was begun this summer, the opening of school is bound to be a little more complicated than usual. We have to get instruction started while we get our classrooms organized and boxes unpacked.

No one should expect a completely usual opening of school. It can't possibly happen. It's going to take some time. In some cases, new construction projects will cause disruption. Within a couple of years, however, we will have improved buildings in which to work. Imagine AIR CONDITIONING!

### **PCT T-SHIRTS**

Members of the PCT Executive Board have been expressing an interest in having a union shirt for PCT members to wear at the various demonstrations and events in which we participate.

Within the first week of school, members will be receiving our new PCT Pride shirt which will feature the logo from the button that was distributed last year.

### **MOVED? CHANGED STATUS? LET THE PCT KNOW**

If you have changed your home address, family status, e-mail address, phone number (cell or landline), etc., over the summer, please let the PCT Office know immediately. **This information is vital to processing your Welfare Fund claims and keeping you informed of union activities.**

### **MOVED?**

You also need to change your voter registration. Political action is a vital part of the work of union, and the PCT makes an extra effort in that regard. The most important political action is voting. If you are not registered, you can't vote. Voter registration forms are available at: [http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/boe/documents/VoterRegistrationFormEnglish\\_001.pdf](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/boe/documents/VoterRegistrationFormEnglish_001.pdf).

### **WELCOME**

There are some twenty new members of the PCT Bargaining Unit this fall. We welcome them to the District and look forward to welcoming them to PCT membership

