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## WELCOME TO THE EDUCATOR

### **Demand Transparency in State Government: Ask Senate and Assembly to override Governor's veto!**

In January at the beginning of the State's legislative session PEF began a campaign to increase government accountability, end wasteful contracting out and privatization and save taxpayers more than a quarter billion dollars annually.

As a result of this campaign two bills were passed by the Legislature, S.5873/A.8964 a bill restricting lobbyists'

efforts to influence the award of state contracts and S.1920/A.6452 a bill that requires the State to disclose the number and cost of contract employees at all state agencies.

The bill to restrict lobbyists was signed into law by the governor in late August. However, our disclosure bill S.1920 was vetoed by the Governor because of stiff opposition from consultant groups and their lobbyists

We need your support to get the Senate and Assembly to come back to

Albany to override the Governor's veto, make S.1920/A6542 law, and take a step toward ending wasteful contracting out and privatization.

### **How can you help?**

Fax the following letter to your State Senator and Assembly member, tell them to help stop taxpayer abuse, by coming back to Albany and overriding the Governor's veto of the Contract Disclosure bill.

Visit [www.pef.org](http://www.pef.org) and click on "Override the Veto" to participate in the campaign.

## KNOW YOUR CONTRACT

### **Article 12.1**

of the PS&T Contract states that an employee who is entitled to time off with pay on days the State observes as holidays, shall be granted compensatory time off when any such holiday falls on a Saturday.

This year, we will Receive Holiday leave for Christmas, and New Year's Day. For PEF members, there is a distinction between

leave time that we receive labeled "Holiday" and leave time labeled "Other". There is no time limit on using leave accruals designated "Holiday". There is however, a **one year limit** on using leave accruals designated "Other".

Vacation credits, on the other hand, may be accumulated up to a maximum of 40 days (300 hours). PEF members may accumulate

More than 40 vacation days during a year, but must have no more than 40 days on April 1 of each year.

**Please monitor your accruals carefully or you may loose them.**



## NEW PEF MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE

Through PEF Benefits

Hockey Tickets

PEF Member Price \$11.25

College Basketball Tickets

PEF Member Price  
Women Games - \$2.00  
Men Games - \$4.00



For questions on ordering, call  
800-342-4306, ext. 243

Or

Visit your web site at:  
[www.pef.org](http://www.pef.org)

Click on

“Membership Benefits”

and Click on

“Limited Time Entertainment Offers”



## PEF ACTIVE MEMBER VS FEE PAYER

PEF members can be classified as Active PEF Members or Fee Payers.

If an active PEF member is on leave without pay they can be removed from the PEF membership rolls.

**ACTIVE**—is a member that can participate in all PEF benefits.

Upon return to payroll status, you must complete a PEF membership application to reinstate your ACTIVE PEF membership.

**FEE PAYER**—is a member of PEF who has not signed up as an Active Member but is paying dues.

In addition, the Division is not reimbursed for Fee payers.

Fee payers are *not* entitled to member benefits.

We are happy to report that we have all ACTIVE members.

*“Action without study is fatal. Study without action is futile.”*  
-Mary Beard



## REGION 5 VETERANS COMMITTEE

I'm proud to announce that I was recently appointed by Mary Twitchell PEF Region 5 Coordinator to chair the Region 5 Veterans Committee. The veterans committee was once very active in Region 5, providing support and information to veterans. Recently this committee has been less active. My goals are to create a strong active committee that addresses the issues that affect veterans and to provide PEF Region 5



veterans with timely information regarding veterans' issues.

As a first step I am trying to identify who the Region 5 veterans are. The information I need is name, address, phone number, e-mail, branch of service and time of service.

Please contact me via e-mail at: pef399@yahoo.com

or by calling the PEF regional office at 607-785-1699.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Region 5 Veterans Committee, please let me know.

In the next few months I am hoping to have a meeting so we can prioritize our issues and get to know one another.

Thank you for your service and support.  
Richard Fletcher



*"A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience."  
-Oliver Wendall Holmes*

## BROOME COUNTY ALL WARS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Dedication of the Broome County All Wars Memorial

at the Broome County Veterans' Arena in Binghamton.

will be held on:

**Saturday,  
November 12th  
at 11:00 am**

The State-wide PEF Veterans Committee and many Region 5 members have been involved in this project for several years providing support and fund raising. Please join David Krobe; the PEF State-wide Veterans Chair, and myself in honoring our fallen heroes.



