



Dear SCTA Family,

I have some exciting news. With the support from SCTA Executive Board and Building Reps, Vice Presidents Jon Weston, Matt Rivera and I co-wrote a resolution to be presented and voted on at the 2020 NYSUT Representative Assembly in Albany this year.

On behalf of the SCTA, we couldn't think of a better way to honor the passing of Matthew "Dezy" DiStefano and his incredible humanitarian efforts than to create a Humanitarian Heroes Award in his name. As educators, we have an incredible impact on every child we encounter and on the communities in which we work. I think we can all agree that Matt made a lasting impact on our Sachem Community!

Your SCTA NYSUT Delegates will be working hard to gain support from teachers unions across New York State to vote on the approval of this resolution. Creating this award is meant to not only honor Matt but to honor future educators across New York State deserving of recognition because they choose to support and help others over themselves!

I have attached our NYSUT Resolution - Matthew "Dezy" DiStefano Humanitarian Heroes Award. Our delegates will be presenting and advocating for this resolution in May; however, the creation of the award is not a guarantee. If you have friends or family who are educators in other school districts please ask them to reach out to their union leaders to support this resolution.

I want to personally thank you for all the support you have shown and continue to show towards Dezy, his family and the Dezy Strong Foundation.

In Solidarity,

Philip Barbera  
Sachem Central Teachers' Association  
President