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President's Message

A union that shows up wins.

by Shaun D. Francois I

- Our Lobby Day Rally carried a clear message to decision-makers, and to one another: Fix Tier 6 Now. That message is about fairness, dignity, and respect for public workers who dedicate their lives to serving New York City. Advocacy in action means more than attending one event. It means making our presence felt, speaking with conviction, following through, and building momentum until change happens.
- Our Black History Month celebrations remind us that the labor movement has always been shaped by courageous organizing, collective action, and members willing to speak up for justice. A century of advocacy history celebrations. It is also about recognizing the members in our union who carry that tradition forward every single day through service, resilience, leadership, and action.
- Women's Herstory Month gave us another chance to recognize the leadership that keeps our union moving. Leading the change: women shaping a sustainable future is more than a theme. It reflects the reality that women across with experience, discipline, and heart. Their leadership strengthens our future.
- And when our members joined the No Kings March, we stood for the basic principle that no crown, no throne, no kings. We believe in collective power, accountability, and the right of working people to be heard. We do not wait.
- As president, I remain committed to making sure Local 372 is visible, vocal, and prepared for the challenges ahead. Ask every member to stay engaged, bring someone new into the work, and keep building the solidarity that carries us forward. When we stay ready, we stay powerful.



LOCAL 372 PAC UNION STRONG!



Donald Nesbit, Executive Vice President, Local 372
Political Action Chairperson for DC 37

LOCAL 372 LEADS THE CHARGE IN ALBANY

As contract talks loom and the 2026 expiration approaches, Local 372 is already organizing, lobbying, and testifying to secure fair wages, benefits, and stronger supports for members and their families.

Standing Up for Members:

DC 37 Advocacy Day Brings Local 372's Voice to Albany

On March 4, more than 600 members of DC 37 traveled to Albany for a powerful day of advocacy, rallying together to demand real change for public employees and the communities they serve. Among those leading the charge was Donald Nesbit, Executive Vice President of Local 372 and Political Action Chairperson for DC 37, who helped coordinate the union's legislative priorities and ensure Local 372 members were strongly represented.

"Tier 6: What's at Stake?"

Advocacy Day brought members face-to-face with lawmakers to push for critical reforms that directly affect the livelihoods of DC 37 members. One of the union's top priorities was reforming Tier 6 of the state pension system. DC 37 leaders and members lobbied elected officials to reduce the contribution rate to a flat 3 percent. This change would immediately put money back into the pockets of many public employees who currently pay more than that amount under the existing structure. While members met with legislators inside the Capitol, the energy outside was just as powerful. More DC 37 members gathered on Albany's historic Million Dollar Steps for a major rally, joined by more than 20 elected officials who stood in solidarity with the union's demands. At the same time, DC 37 Executive Director Henry Garrido was meeting directly with the Governor, reinforcing the message that Tier 6 reform is urgently needed and that the time for action is now!

"When Local 372 shows up strong on the Million Dollar Steps, Albany has to listen."

Meet & Greet with the NYC Chancellor

Building dialogue, partnership, and visibility for Local 372 members.

Local 372 welcomed the opportunity to participate in a meet and greet with the New York City Chancellor, creating space for direct conversation about the realities our members face every day in schools and worksites across the city.

The gathering was more than just a photo opportunity. It was more than just a photo opportunity. It was a chance to put the voices of school support staff, operational workers, and frontline members in the room where decisions are shaped.

“Visibility with purpose strengthens our voice and our impact.”



For our union, these moments matter because relationships help move issues forward.

When leadership from the city hears directly from the people who keep buildings running, support students, maintain safe environments, and hold school communities together, the work of Local 372 becomes impossible to overlook.

Members spoke about the need for respect, proper resources, safer conditions, career pathways, and policies that reflect the value of the workforce behind public education.

The meet and greet also reflected a broader goal for the union: visibility with purpose and readiness to engage decision-makers.

Local 372 is not only strongest when we mobilize in the streets or in Albany. We are also strongest when we are prepared to engage decision-makers with clarity, confidence, and a shared purpose.

Every conversation helped us refine our path forward, ensuring our members' needs remain front and center in city schools.

Connection, access, and advocacy remain strongest when members stay visible and engaged.

lobby day rally

Advocacy in Action



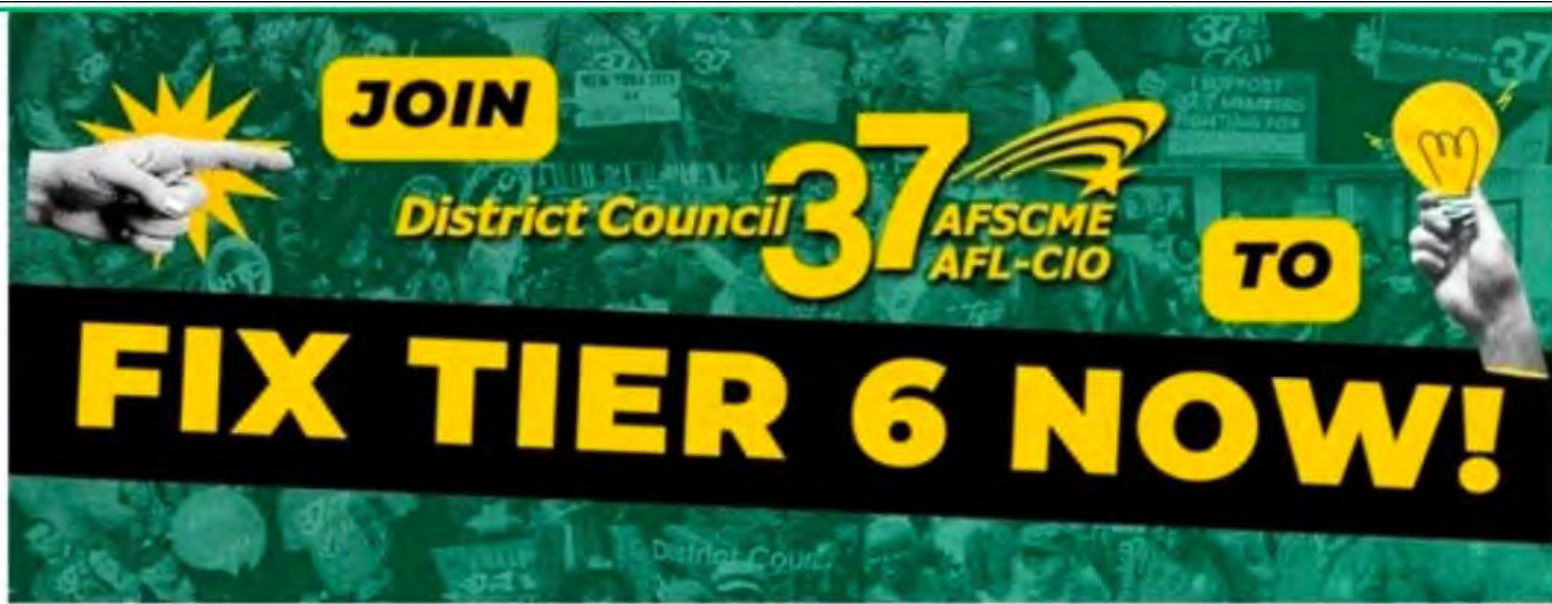
FIX TIER 6 NOW

Members brought urgency, discipline, and unity to Lobby Day, making it clear that Tier 6 remains one of the defining issues for public workers. The message was direct; retirement security is not a luxury. It is a matter of fairness for those who dedicate decades of service to public.



TIER 6 IS NOT A LUXURY
RETIREMENT SECURITY IS A RIGHT!





S.A.P.I.S.

Advocacy efforts also focused on increasing funding for the Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention Specialists (SAPIS), who provide counseling and intervention services to students to combat substance abuse and behavioral issues, a vital resource in New York City schools. Currently, the New York State Assembly and Senate allocate \$2 million for SAPIS. DC 37 is pushing to triple that amount to \$6 million to address the growing need for trained professionals who support students and families across the school system.

Pay Increases

For Local 372 members, the advocacy work doesn't stop in Albany. The union will soon testify before the New York City Council during hearings focused on pay increases for paraprofessionals. Local 372 leadership will make it clear that any proposed increases must include paraprofessionals represented by Local 372, ensuring equity for members who play a critical role in supporting New York City's students and school communities.

Childcare

At the same time, several important benefits secured through collective bargaining are already delivering results for members. A new childcare benefit negotiated in the last contract is now in effect, supported by a \$3 million annual contribution from the City of New York to the DC 37 Childcare Fund. This initiative will provide direct assistance to members facing childcare challenges, helping working families manage one of the most significant costs many face today.

Remote Work

Members are also benefiting from the extension of the remote work agreement, which has been extended through May 2027, providing stability and flexibility for many workers.

Contract Negotiations

Looking ahead, union leadership is already preparing for the next round of negotiations with the City. The current contract with the Mayor's administration expires in November 2026, but preparations are already underway to ensure members receive fair contractual increases and maintain the benefits they depend on.

"As contract negotiations are close by we want to reassure members that we are doing everything within our power to ensure that we have fair wages, maintain health benefits and that we continue to deliver quality service and make life more affordable for everyone that we serve," said Donald Nesbit. "These are not optional and we will continue to fight for what we deserve."

From Albany to City Hall, Local 372 remains committed to advocacy that delivers real results for members. Through coordinated lobbying, legislative action, and contract negotiations, the union continues to fight for stronger protections, better pay, and the resources needed to support both members and the communities they serve.



"I WANT TO DO MORE"

How Lobby Day Turned One Tier Six Worker into an Activist

After learning how hard Tier Six hits younger members, Selena Sanchez joined DC 37's fight to fix the pension system, tax the rich, and protect workers' benefits.

Selena Sanchez didn't arrive in Albany as an activist. She came as a curious first-time participant in DC 37's Lobby Day, with a general understanding that "they were fighting for Tier 6." What she left with was something far more powerful: a sense of urgency, a deeper political awareness, and a personal commitment to the labor movement.

A Community Coordinator and Project Coordinator with the New York City Department of Education's Office of Business Development, Sanchez represents a generation of public workers navigating a system that often feels stacked against them. As a Tier 6 member, she knew she was contributing more toward her pension than previous generations - but it wasn't until she connected with more seasoned union members that the full picture came into focus.

Tier 6 workers, she learned, pay the highest percentage into their pensions while receiving the lowest return. Earlier tiers contribute significantly less - around three percent, yet retire with stronger benefits. For Sanchez, the realization was jarring. At just 30 years old, the idea of remaining in the DOE until age 62 to access a full pension felt less like a plan and more like a constraint.

Lobby Day changed that perspective.

In Albany, Sanchez joined fellow DC 37 members in direct conversations with legislators and their staff, advocating not only for Tier 6 reform but for broader economic justice. She spoke candidly about the realities facing younger workers - skyrocketing rent, rising food costs, and the mounting pressure of simply trying to build a stable life in New York City while contributing a disproportionate share to retirement.



For Sanchez, Lobby Day was more than a visit to the State Capital - it was a turning point that transformed her from participant to advocate.

She also threw her support behind DC 37's Tax Justice agenda, which calls for modest increases on the wealthiest New Yorkers: a one percent income tax increase on earnings over \$5 million, an additional one percent on income above \$25 million, and a 1.75 percent increase in corporate taxes. These measures are projected to generate nearly \$5 billion in revenue funding that could strengthen public services and ease the burden on working people.

But Lobby Day was not without its challenges. Sanchez witnessed firsthand the contrast between the passionate advocacy of union leaders - particularly Local 372 officials pushing back against cost-shifting health care proposals, and the dismissive tone of at least one legislator's office. The experience was frustrating, but clarifying.

"It made me realize how important it is for us to show up," she reflected. "If we're not in the room, these decisions still get made - just without us."

Rather than discouraging her, the moment sharpened her resolve.

Sanchez describes the day as an *"incredible experience"* that left her *"excited and hungry to do more."* For the first time, advocacy felt tangible - not as an abstract idea, but as a direct line between workers and the policymakers shaping their futures. Speaking with Assembly Members

and Senators about pensions, health care, and the cost-of-living crisis transformed her understanding of what union engagement can look like.

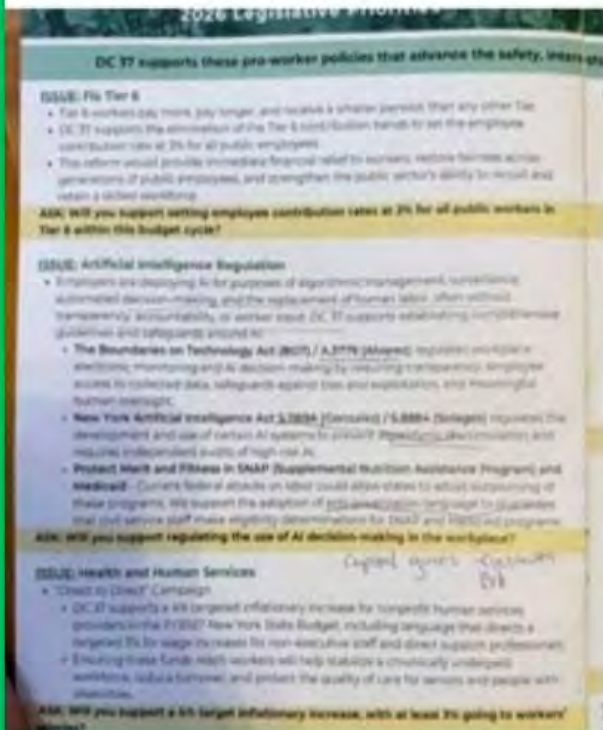
That transformation didn't end when the buses left Albany.

Since returning, Sanchez has already stepped forward, asking how she can stay involved and committing to serve as a Lobby Leader next year. She now sees her role not just as a Tier 6 worker advocating for fair retirement benefits, but as part of a broader movement - one that depends on new voices, new energy, and a willingness to challenge the status quo.

In many ways, her journey reflects a critical shift within the labor movement itself. As unions work to engage younger members, leaders like Sanchez are emerging - not from the outside, but from within the ranks, bridging generational divides and bringing fresh urgency to longstanding fights.

"I want to do more," she said simply.

And after Albany, it's clear she will.



Selena Sanchez joins fellow DC 37 members in Albany, advocating for Tier 6 reform and economic justice during her first Lobby Day.



Standing with union siblings, Sanchez speaks out on the realities facing younger workers navigating rising costs and unequal pension contributions.

STANDING UP FOR THE NEXT GENERATION: Veteran SAPIS and Shop Steward Daquan Vann Headed to Albany to Fight Tier 6

For more than two decades, Daquan Vann has served his school community and his union with pride. A Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialist (SAPIS) and longtime member of Local 372, he knows firsthand how retirement benefits can shape a worker's entire life. When Vann traveled to Albany for Lobby Day, he carried not just his own story - but the hopes of a new generation of workers.

Vann joined the school system in 1999 and is protected under Tier 4, but he says his fight is about fairness for those who came after him. "Tier 6 makes it harder for newer members to retire securely," he explains. "They work just as hard as we do. They deserve the same chance to enjoy the pensions they've earned." For Vann, fixing Tier 6 isn't just an issue - it's a mission.

As a Shop Steward in Far Rockaway, Vann treats political action as both duty and mentorship. He went to Albany determined to get answers, and then bring those answers home to his colleagues - especially the "newbies" who might not yet see how legislative decisions affect their future. "Next year, they need to come with us," he says. "When we show up together, we show power. That's how change starts."

Networking has been part of Vann's success from day one. He's carried the same hustle that took him from school aide to parent coordinator, community coordinator, and SAPIS into his advocacy. At Lobby Day, Vann and his fellow SAPIS members connected with a Queens Assemblyman Philip Steck's office that was receptive to hearing their concerns - and interested in pushing for Tier 6 reform.

Back home, Vann channels that momentum into mentorship, helping new members understand how raises, pensions, and long-term planning fit together. He rejects the mindset of "I got mine, you get yours," insisting that lifting others up strengthens the union as a whole. "I want our

newer members to see that their voices matter," he says. "If we fight for each other, we'll all retire with the dignity we deserve."

For Vann, activism isn't about personal gain - it's about legacy. And as Local 372 continues to push for fairness and equity in retirement, members like him remind everyone that the future of the union depends on standing together, one generation building up the next.



Local 372 SAPIS Daquan Vann at Lobby Day in Albany, turning his hustle and networking skills into action for Tier 6 reform.





Daquan Vann stands with fellow SAPIS members in Albany – united in the fight for fair pensions and a better future for Tier 6 workers.”



Black History Month Celebration

A Century of Advocacy History Celebrations

Our Advocacy History Month celebrations honored the legacy, labor, and leadership that have shaped both our union and broader struggle for justice. It was a chance to recognize the generations who organized, educated, mentored, and opened doors that others now wllhrough.

A century of Black history celebration is also a reminder that history lives in the present. It lives in the members who speak up, the families who sacrifice, and the communities that continue to push for dignity, equity, and opportunity.

The event created space for reflection, joy, and pride. Through shared stories, fellowship, and recognition, members were reminded that Black history is union history, working-class history, and community history.



IF YOU STAY READY

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET READY!

Black History Cont...



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Women's Herstory Month Celebration

Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future



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No Kings March Rally

No Crown, No Throne, No Kings



The No Kings March brought members together around a simple democratic truth: power belongs to the people, not to unchecked authority. In that spirit, our members marched with conviction, standing for accountability, dignity, and public voice.

No crown, no throne, no kings captured the tone of the day. It was a rejection of silence, intimidation, and the idea that ordinary people should accept decisions made without them. The march was about solidarity in action.

For Local 372, participation in this rally reflected who we are. We believe in collective action, in public service, and in speaking out when communities are under pressure. The march reminded us that labor power and civic power are deeply connected.





Unionism At Its Best, Solidarity Forever!



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Local 372

Our job is kids



SAFETY CORNER

Five habits, OSHA basics, and PESH protections that keep members safer every day

Practical reminders, legal rights, and reporting steps for every shift

The safest worksites are built from repeatable habits, not occasional reminders. Pause before rushing, inspect your setup before starting, and take a moment to think through the tools, the tools, and people working around you. Small checks at the start of a job often prevent the injuries that slow down a crew, disrupt a school, or affect a family at home.

Housekeeping is one of the most overlooked parts of safety. Keep walking paths clear, secure cords and tools, wipe spills quickly, and make sure exits, stairways, and storage areas stay open and well lit. A clean workspace is not cosmetic - it reduces slips, trips, trips, falls, and confusion during an emergency.

Lifting and movement matter just as much as equipment. Use proper body mechanics, ask for help with awkward loads, and do not turn repetitive strain into a normal part of the day. Stretch when appropriate, use carts and lifting aids when available, and speak up when a task is set up in a way that presents unnecessary risk.

PPE only works when it matches the task and is used consistently. Gloves, eye protection, masks, harnesses, hearing protection, and proper footwear should be available, fitted correctly, and replaced when worn or damaged. If the job changes, reassess the PPE - do not assume yesterday's gear is enough for today's hazard.

Reporting hazards is not complaining - it is leadership. When members speak up early about broken equipment, blocked exits, electrical issues, unsafe chemicals, poor ventilation, mold, or repeated near miss, they protect the entire worksite. Document what you see, notify the appropriate supervisor, and keep a record of when and how the hazard was reported.

Know the safety corner as a checklist: identify the hazard, protecty rules across private-sector, settings, while PESH - New York's Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau - enforces occupational safety and health protections for public employees. For Local 372 members working in public schools, city facilities, and city facilities, PESH, matters reassess the huge correction, inspections, and accountability. If gives workers a framework for hazard correction, inspections, and accountability and really ure'ssure the audit trail.

Use the safety corner as a checklist: identify the hazard, protect yourself and others, report it promptly, and follow up until it is corrected. Emergency phone numbers, incident forms, evacuation routes, SDS information for cleaning chemicals, and training records should be easy to locate. Safety is strongest when members stay ready, stay informed, and act together before a preventable problem becomes an injury.

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KEY DATES FOR STAFF & MEMBERS

Date	Event	Details
Tuesday, May 12th	General Elections Nominations	DC 37 Headquarters - 5:30 PM
Tuesday, June 16th	General Election of Officers	Multiple polling sites - 9:00 AM-9:00 PM (General Membership- DC 37 Headquarters)
Tuesday, October 20th	General Membership Meeting	DC 37 Headquarters Hybrid - 5:30 PM
Saturday, June 20th	Shop Steward Training	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 9:00 AM
Saturday, November 14th	Shop Steward Training	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 9:00 AM
Tuesday, June 2nd	Hourly School Lunch Chapter Meeting	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Monday, October 5th	Hourly School Lunch Chapter Meeting	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Wednesday, June 3rd	Monthly Annual School Lunch Chapter Meeting	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Tuesday, October 6th	Monthly Annual School Lunch Chapter Meeting	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Tuesday, June 4th	School Crossing Guards (Level I & Level II) Chapter Meetings	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Thursday, June 4th	School Crossing Guards (Level I & Level II) Chapter Meetings	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Friday, June 5th 2026	School Aides/Health Aides Chapter Meetings	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Thursday, October 8th	School Aides/Health Aides Chapter Meetings	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Monday, June 8th 2026	S.A.P.I.S. Chapter Meeting	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Friday, October 8th	S.A.P.I.S. Chapter Meeting	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Tuesday, June 13th 2026	Paraprofessionals Chapter Meetings	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Wednesday, October 13th	S.N.W.C./A.C.C./P.C. Chapter Meetings	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Wednesday, June 10th 2026	S.N.W.C./A.C.C./P.C. Chapter Meetings	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Wednesday, October 13th	S.N.W.C./A.C.C./P.C. Chapter Meetings	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM
Wednesday, October 14th	S.N.W.C./A.C.C./P.C. Chapter Meetings	Virtual (Zoom Meeting) - 5:30 PM

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School Year Calendar 2026–2027

This is the 2026–27 school year calendar for NYCPS schools from 3-K through grade 12. If your child attends a private, parochial, charter school, NYC Early Education Center (NYCEEC), or Family Childcare Program, please contact your child’s school for information about their calendar. Please note the following:

- On days when school buildings are closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies, NYCPS may be in session remotely.
- Individual schools’ Parent-Teacher Conference dates might be different from the dates below. Your child’s teacher will work with you to schedule your conference.
- On this schedule, **elementary schools** are defined as programs that serve kindergarten (K) through grade 8, including schools with 3-K and Pre-K programs, as well as those that end in grade 5 or grade 6. **Middle schools** are defined as programs that serve grades 6–8, and **high schools** are defined as programs that serve grades 9–12. **6-12 schools** are defined as programs that serve just grades 6–12 in a single school.

Date	Weekday	Event
September 10	Thursday	First day of school
September 21	Monday	Yom Kippur, schools closed
September 23	Wednesday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
September 24	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
September 30	Wednesday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
October 12	Monday	Italian Heritage/Indigenous Peoples’ Day, schools closed
November 3	Tuesday	Election Day, school will be in session remotely for all students
November 5	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
November 11	Wednesday	Veterans Day, schools closed
November 12	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
November 19	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
November 20	Friday	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
November 26–27	Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Recess, schools closed
December 24–January 1	Thursday–Friday	Winter Recess, schools closed

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January 18	Monday	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, schools closed
January 26-29	Tuesday–Friday	Regents Administration
February 1	Monday	Professional Development Day; students that attend high schools and schools that serve only grades 6–12 are not in attendance. All other students attend school.
February 2	Tuesday	Spring Semester begins
February 15–19	Monday–Friday	Midwinter Recess, schools closed
March 3	Wednesday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
March 4	Thursday	Afternoon and Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools; students in these schools dismissed three hours early
March 9	Tuesday	Eid al-Fitr, schools closed
March 18	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
March 19	Friday	Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools; students in these schools are dismissed three hours early
March 26	Friday	Good Friday, schools closed
April 22–30	Thursday–Friday	Spring Recess, schools closed
May 12	Wednesday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K–12, and 6–12 schools
May 13	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
May 17	Monday	Eid al-Adha, schools closed
May 26	Wednesday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day, schools closed
June 8	Tuesday	Clerical Day; no classes for students attending 3-K, Pre-K, elementary schools, middle schools, K–12 schools, and standalone D75 programs
June 10	Thursday	Anniversary Day/Chancellor’s Conference Day for staff development; students do not attend school
June 15–18; 21–25	Tuesday–Friday; Monday–Friday	Regents Administration
June 28	Monday	Last day of school for students




LOCAL 372 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM




ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Parents, since 2002, Local 372 has raised thousands of dollars to give scholarships to children, grandchildren and legal guardians of members who are pursuing college degrees. The local 372 fund is our way of encouraging the children to continue on the path they have chosen to reach their goals. No dues goes toward the fund, money is raised throughout the year from various fundraiser events.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants to the scholarship program for a particular year must either (a) be graduating from high school or (b) enrolled in an accredited college, university, community college, technical or trade school in that program year.

The applicant must be accepted at any of these institutions at the time of the award and provide proof of acceptance i.e. registration, bill from bursar's office, school, housing receipt.

The applicant's parent or legal guardian must be a Local 372 member in good standing.

For application please visit: www.local372.org

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YOUR EDUCATION. YOUR FUTURE.

**Apply for a DC 37
Scholarship Today!**

DC 37's Scholarship Committee invites members to apply for this year's scholarships—an incredible opportunity to support educational goals for you or your family. Explore our available awards below and apply today!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

- Lillian Roberts Scholarship for Continuing Education
- The Dwayne Dugger Memorial Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

(Eligible: Children and grandchildren of active DC 37 members or DC 37 Retirees Association members)

- Memorial Scholarship
- DC 37 Education Committee Scholarship
- Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship
- Evelyn Gaskin Memorial Scholarship



IMPORTANT DATES



Application Deadline
May 29, 2026

Scholarship Reception
& Awards Ceremony
June 26, 2026

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