

**SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER
BOCES
TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

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Date _____ (NOTE: this version for June 2024 retirees, for other certified members dates will vary)

Dear Certified Staff Member,

Please read this letter carefully as it outlines the many benefits provided to active members as well as those you may be eligible to continue. **Please note that your coverage provided by the BTA Benefits Trust Fund will expire on September 30, 2024** and you will have 60 days from this date to elect cobra coverage.

Please go to bocesta.net and click on the **BTA Benefits** tab where you will find the link to **RETIREE-CHANGE IN STATUS**. Here you will find all the important information and forms needed to continue **Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance (UNUM)**. This is optional coverage you may purchase at preferred rates. We encourage you to call **UNUM** at the number listed below if you have any questions or need assistance completing forms. For **Life and Accidental Death Insurance** questions please call **1-800-421-0344**.

For Delta Dental COBRA information, you will receive notice directly from *isolved Benefit Services*. *The MetLife Take Along Dental insurance is a benefit offered through SWBOCES and is not affiliated with the BTA. You must contact MetLife directly at 1-844-263-8336 if you have questions.*

For the **Davis Vision Designer Gold Group Plan** Biennial Services (every May 1st), there are 2 options available for continuing your coverage.

1. NYSUT Endorsed Vision plan. Please visit the NYSUT.org Member Benefits page or visit the **NYSUT ENDORSED VISION** link under the **BTA BENEFITS** tab.
2. **Davis Vision COBRA** plan which may be purchased through the BOCES Teachers' Association. The cost for this plan is **\$516.96 (family)** or **\$194.58 (employee only)** to be paid in full and extends for a period of 18 months from the date coverage expires. Payment must be received or postmarked by **November 30, 2024**. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Barreto at the email provided below.

Group Access Legal Service Plan including **Elder Law Services** is **not** included in the COBRA Laws and cannot be offered as a portable benefit. Eligible documents may be completed for free before retiring. Upon retirement, you may purchase the Legal Plan via pension deduction through NYSUT Member Benefits at NYSUT.org.

If you have further questions please contact one of your Benefit Fund Trustees at the email addresses listed below or visit our website bocesta.net and click on the **Questions** tab. **Please note that the employer section of all forms will be completed upon request.**

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