Resolution 3 - Submitted by RC7

Disability Retirement

1. Whereas, the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System (NYSTRS) has a disability option available to members who qualify; and
2. Whereas, NYSTRS members who are no longer able to work and who qualify often receive a significantly reduced pension for the remainder of their life; and
3. Whereas, this pension can average approximately one-third of the member’s full salary and is often not a sufficient living wage; and
4. Whereas, qualifying for a disability retirement precludes a member from engaging in any other employment for the purpose of supplementing their income; and
5. Whereas, members of NYSTRS who are injured in the performance of their duties, resulting in the qualification for a disability retirement receive this same calculation; therefore be it
6. RESOLVED, that NYSUT seek legislation that would improve the disability pension calculation for members who are granted a disability retirement; and be it further
7. RESOLVED, that NYSUT consider seeking legislation that would allow a member who qualifies for a disability pension due to an injury in the performance of their duty to receive a more appropriate disability pension.