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**News Release**

**Iberger Joins NYSTRS Board of Trustees**

**ALBANY, N.Y. (March 4, 2021)** — Eric J. Iberger, a teacher in the Bayport-Blue Point Union Free School District, was appointed to NYSTRS' 10-member Retirement Board. He is one of three active teacher members on the Board.

New York State Commissioner of Education Dr. Betty A. Rosa appointed Iberger to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Ron Gross, who stepped down from the Board at the end of January to serve as second vice president of New York State United Teachers. Iberger will need to be elected by his peers at the November 2021 Annual Delegates Meeting. At the 2021 Delegates Meeting, Iberger will be up for election to a full three-year term.

The other active teacher members on the Board are Sheila Sullivan Buck of Rush-Henrietta Central Schools and Elizabeth A. Chetney of the Baldwinsville Central School District. David P. Keefe of Hempstead is the retired teacher representative and serves as president of the Board.

A graduate of St. Joseph's College and SUNY Stony Brook, Iberger has taught mathematics at Bayport-Blue Point Union Free School District since 1996. He served as the district's grade 9-12 mathematics teacher-in-charge, and as the grade 6-12 mathematics department chairperson from 2004-2013. He was head coach of several Bayport-Blue Point sports teams, including indoor and outdoor track and field, as well as football for 21 years.

Iberger has served as president of the Bayport-Blue Point Teachers Association since 2013. He is vice chairperson of NYSUT's Pension & Retirement Committee and has been a committee member since 2014.

“On behalf of our staff, I thank Ron for his service on the Board and for his commitment to the long-term well-being of New York's teachers,” said NYSTRS Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer Thomas K. Lee. “We welcome Eric to the Board and appreciate his commitment to carrying out our mission.”

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