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Youth Advocacy: A year in review 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 has been an exciting and difficult year! It has been my biggest honor to advocate and represent youth of the Suffolk Region PTA. We have represented and advocated for youth and teachers of Suffolk County. I have presented multiple initiatives to get youth involved such as a Suffolk Region PTA youth summit that will be gradually starting to be held to reach youth in a direct way and find out what do they want us to advocate for, Also Suffolk Region PTA held its first holiday food and toy drive. I also attended the Longwood Legislative Breakfast where the legislators and School Representatives were present. During the Longwood Legislative breakfast different topics pertaining to education were discussed such as the governor's new education budget the new budget will address a lot of gaps that were not addressed on the previous education budget such as an increase in the Special Education budget and multiple projects that will better the education of our kids, also we discussed the continuation of the universal free breakfast/Lunch program. We also discussed the possibility of getting rid of the \$30,000 Salary Cap for our Boces CTE teachers and gradually increasing it to \$60,000 to better the conditions of our current Boces CTE teachers and to attract new CTE teachers, In conclusion this chair strongly support the Governor's education projects and her budget because it addresses a lot of the different gaps in education, Also this chair strongly supports and will keep advocating for

the elimination of the salary cap and gradually increasing it because they really deserve it because some of our Boces CTE teachers sometimes have to deal with Special needs students and sometimes they deal with some extraordinary situations that regular ED teachers don't face day to day but I will also strongly support and advocate for better conditions for all of our teachers and classroom aides because they play a fundamental role in the classroom. Suffolk Region PTA also held its first workshop on youth involvement where we discussed on how we can get youth involved and what roles they can have on their PTA I will attach the presentation of the workshop below. I really look forward to keep advocating for our kids and Teachers.

This is one of the presentations presented at the Longwood breakfast

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Integrating youth to the PTA Presentation

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