



## Message from the Vice-President, Barbara Leshinger, Ed.D.

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Welcome to the website of the Central Islip Teachers Association! For those of you who don't know me...my name is Barbara Leshinger and I was elected CITA Vice-President in May 2007. I have taught grades kindergarten through grade 4 and Reading. Currently I am a Literacy Coach at Mulvey Elementary. Before being elected Vice-President, I served the union in many capacities. I was a member of Mulvey's Building Committee, a Buddy in the New Member Program, a presenter at many union run workshops, and I served as a member of the TEPS committee. I was also Secretary from 2003 though 2007.

Currently, I serve the union as a NYSUT and AFT delegate. I also sit on the Policy Board for the Teachers Center (Staff Development Center of the Islips). I am honored to be a member of the Program and Policy Council for our National Union, AFT, and a member of the Policy Council for our statewide union, NYSUT.

If you are a member of the Central Islip Teachers Association, and you have questions about staffing, personnel, in-district postings, seniority, excessing, or transfers, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are a not a member of CITA, please enjoy your visit to our website, and take a look at our direct link to NYSUT as well.

The Central Islip Teachers Association has a long and strong history and solidarity and strength. We also stand firm by our motto: Teachers for Quality Education. As you explore our website, you will see that excellence in teaching and union work go hand in hand. Thanks for the visit!

Yours in solidarity,  
Barbara Leshinger, Ed.D.

*"The search for knowledge should never make us tired,  
and the acquisition of it should never make us immobile and satisfied."*  
Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Heart