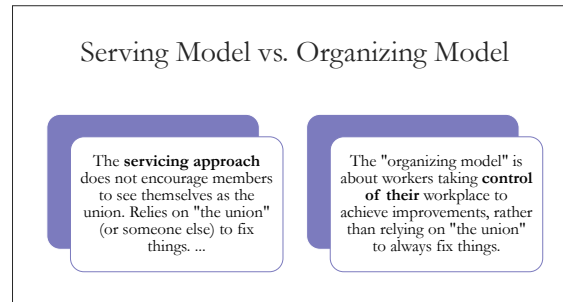
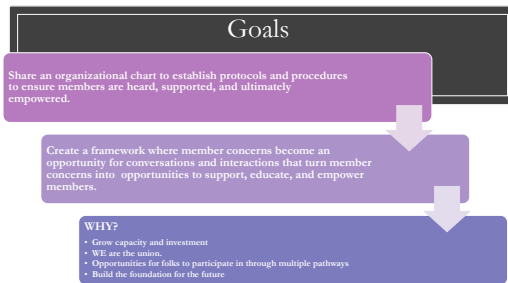


## President's Report 9.21.21

Please remind our colleagues not to communicate with students or families via text. Be mindful of communication with parents and students. Please do not record Zoom sessions to the cloud.

This year the Association will focus on growing capacity and engagement. Use of an organizational chart and a flowchart will help folks readily get support to expand efficiency and grow organizational strength.



We are looking to increase engagement and involvement on multiple fronts: contract negotiations (one to one conversations), expanding our capacity to listen so we can empower members to seek solutions for concerns beyond the contract, and to increase involvement across the board (breast cancer walk, food pantry, social justice, political action, and solidarity efforts).

We need to continue to build this organization together, so it remains strong for years to come. That means educating new members about unionism, sharing information, holding building meetings, and welcoming folks in.

Also, we have been in contact with the AFT, NYSUT, and the NEA on reopening issues including testing and vaccinations. The WPTA Executive Board's has adopted a position that recognizes the importance of vaccinations for those eligible. We also respect that this is a decision for members to make with their physicians, and we support testing for unvaccinated members.

Currently a bill is being put forward to install cameras in special education classroom. Fellow NYSUT colleague Anthony Nicodemo and I publicly expressed our concern to Assemblymember Burdick who was putting forward the bill. He called immediately to discuss, and we have a date on the calendar. This is an example that highlights why and how we use social media and engage with politicians. Join us in this effort!