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Dear New Retiree:

Congratulations on your planned retirement. Everyone here at the UFT thanks you for the years of service you have given to the children of New York City. We also thank you for your role in creating and supporting a strong union to fight for its members, for the students and for public education.

The enclosed kit contains valuable information that we do not want you to miss. It includes information about the UFT Supplemental Health Insurance Program (SHIP), rules for working retirees, drug coverage for retirees, and many other important issues that now affect you as a retiree. I recommend that you hold on to this kit for future reference.

The UFT fought hard for the pension and benefit package you now will enjoy and we hope it provides peace of mind and dignity in your retirement. While we have been able to improve your pension and protect you from the worst of soaring health costs, more and more Americans continue to lose their pensions, health care benefits and even their jobs. We must work together to reverse this trend and ensure that the historic new health care reform legislation we all fought so hard for is fully implemented.

I have called UFT retirees "The Daytime Union" in recognition of all they have been doing for both in-service colleagues and all union members. Keep informed by reading the retiree pages of the *New York Teacher* by checking [www.uft.org](http://www.uft.org), the UFT website.

Once again, thank you for all you have done both for the children of New York City and for the UFT. I hope your first priority is to relax, be healthy, and enjoy your retirement. You certainly have earned that right.

Sincerely,

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