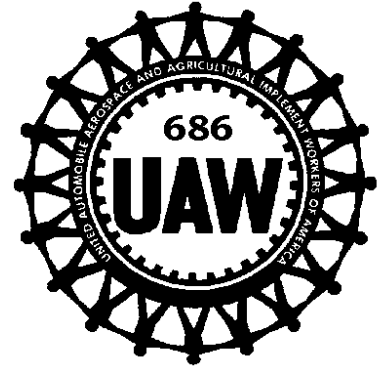


# UNITY 1 News

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## Severance Update

Since our informational meetings at the UAW Hall, we have continued to solicit New York State Department of Labor for more factual information for our members. The UAW local leadership has given all the information pertaining to the severance package to NYS DOL and we continued to pursue the eligibility of our members. With the help from Senator George Mazairz and his staff, we have been able to get resolution to many of the questions that we were asked. Senator Mazairz has arranged to have a meeting with our membership and has also made arrangements to have representatives from the unemployment office, TAA, and TRA. **This meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m.**

We received the following email from unemployment:

*You have asked the NYS Department of Labor whether workers who agree to the voluntary severance program may be potentially eligible for unemployment insurance. The Employer still controls all the rest of the layoff including each worker's last day of work. Based on information that you provided to NYS DOL, workers who agree to this would not be subject to a "Voluntary Quit -VQ" disqualification. They would be eligible for benefits, presuming that there are no other issues that would make the individual ineligible.*

We strongly encourage all members interested in this severance package to take advantage of this meeting and ask the appropriate questions for your situation.

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