

PEF Sets Ratification Schedule for Contract Agreement, Will Count Ballots in Late September

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The New York State Public Employees Federation [announced yesterday](#) the ratification schedule for the contract agreement reached earlier this month between the union and the state. Ballots will be mailed to PEF members on Sept. 2 and the deadline for receipt of ballots is Sept. 26. Ballots will be counted on Sept. 27. The agreement would include a three-year pay freeze, increased health-benefits costs and nine furlough days. In return, the state agreed to suspend its plan to layoff almost 1,000 PEF members. Union members can find a [complete summary of the agreement](#) and the ratification schedule on the PEF website, <http://www.pef.org>.

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