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TIME TO CALL FOR AN END OF MAYORAL CONTROL!

Congratulations to all who confronted the PEP at Brooklyn Technical HS last week. Our message was loud and clear. But the Mayor's puppet PEP once again demonstrated what a farce mayoral control has become. A new strategy is in order.

New Action proposes that we use the clout of parents, students, elected officials, our membership and the UFT and CALL for an end to mayoral control. We must unite and demand an independent panel of people, fairly and democratically chosen, with background and knowledge in education. The make-up of the new panel or committee should be determined after broad discussion and consultation with all stakeholders, with the mayor's representation limited to a minority voice.

ISN'T IT TIME TO GET RID OF THE PEP AND MAYORAL CONTROL?

DAY OF SOLIDARITY NEEDED

Many of our members have demonstrated against school closings, the threat of lay-offs, the co-location of charter schools, voter suppression bills, and the attacks on public workers in Wisconsin, Ohio, and Florida. But conditions in OUR schools are the worst in recent memory - pressure, threats, and paperwork, paperwork, paperwork.

New Action believes we should organize actions to express our disgust at every school, involving every member's voice. As a first step towards a real campaign, New Action calls on the UFT to set a date for school based actions in the spring. This will help prepare the membership for upcoming struggles that we will face.

BEAT BACK GOV. CUOMO'S CALL FOR TIER 6 PENSION

Cuomo is leading the charge for a Tier 6 pension for new employees. While his legislative program doesn't rise to the level of the bills in Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Florida, etc. it is unacceptable to labor in NYState. He must be beaten back on this. We urge every member to make the calls the UFT has asked us to.

Cuomo's drastic proposal must be met by the strongest response we can put forward. Every form of protest must be on the table. The calls are a good start - but only a start. Labor and its allies must be front and center on this one.

TIER 6 MUST BE DEFEATED!

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