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CONTRACT RATIFIED- WE CANNOT WAIT FOUR MORE YEARS!

Over 90,000 UFT members voted on the new contract proposal. 77% approved it. However, there are issues in the schools not addressed by the contract. And while the new de Blasio administration's tone is a refreshing, we have not seen change filter down to the schools.

We should work with de Blasio and Fariña to address

NOW:

- End FSF – Stop Discriminating Against Experienced Educators
- End Quotas and Arbitrary Rules for Extension of Probation
- Fire the Lawyers – 200 is 200 too many

SOON:

- Repair our Grievance Machinery
- Review Arbitrary Discontinuances
- Modify the Behavior of 300+ Abusive and/or Incompetent Administrators

Transferring? Know Before You Go

Due to school closures, myriad mini-schools opening, and the creation of the ATR pool, more UFT members have needed to transfer in the last few years, including right now, than at any other time in our history. You should “know before you go.” Check the Learning Environment Survey, the Inside Schools review, any word of mouth you can find. In that spirit, New Action brought the following resolution to the May 19, 2014 UFT Executive Board:

Resolution on Identifying Schools with High Staff Turnover

*WHEREAS, the Open Market period runs from the present through the beginning of August; and
WHEREAS, every year thousands of our members apply for schools to transfer into; and
WHEREAS, high turnover rates are an indication that a school may have a problematic administration; and
WHEREAS, our members seeking transfers may not know which schools have high turnover rates, but that information is available to the UFT; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the UFT will establish a procedure in which a member can call a borough office and learn if a school in that borough has a high turnover rate; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the UFT will publish a list in the New York Teacher which details which schools have exceptionally high staff turnover.*

Unity argued that this would embarrass hard to staff schools, and voted it down.

Restore Our Parking

In 2008, Bloomberg eliminated traditional parking passes for teachers. Other agencies had “park anywhere” passes, and there were reports of abuse. But for school personnel, the pass just meant a shot at a spot in front of the school, if they got there early enough.

Bloomberg and the City gained nothing, except for inconveniencing thousands of school workers. The symbolism of undoing this will be huge. New Action proposed that we work with de Blasio, leading to the bipartisan resolution before the June 11 Delegate Assembly. We urge your support.

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