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Stand up for Public Education - Defeat Cuomo's Voucher Bill

Andrew Cuomo continues his fight against public education and the students of New York State. We must continue to oppose him. Support the resolution on tonight's Delegate Assembly agenda, against the "Education Tax Credit" bill (it's just a voucher bill.) Support the resolution against Cuomo's latest attempt to raise or eliminate the charter cap in NYC.

And join the NYSUT and UFT social media campaigns against both of these attempts by Cuomo to undermine public education.

School Budgets – Return to Unit Costing

Before Joel Klein, schools budgeted for a certain number of teachers (units). The DoE under Bloomberg/Klein deducted actual teacher salaries would be deducted from school budgets, encouraging principals to actively discriminate against teachers with more experience.

This system is insane. It does not save the DoE one dime, and it discourages schools who need experienced educators from hiring them.

New Action introduced the unit costing resolution on tonight's agenda. Please support it.

Support Tottenville Teachers, Standing up for Respect

UFT members want to be listened to. It is frustrating to be ignored. It is infuriating to watch bad ideas implemented without consultation. It is demoralizing not to be treated like professionals.

On Friday, May 29, from 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM, Tottenville High School teachers and supporters will gather in front of the school to say "Listen to us, Talk to us, Consult with us, Respect us."

New Action encourages retirees on Staten Island and members in nearby schools to come out and support the Tottenville UFT chapter.

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Regents Fight over Details –

Ratings based on test scores must go!

The Board of Regents is discussing implementation of the new NYS law on evaluation. Merryl Tisch, Chancellor of the Board, and Cuomo's co-author of this anti-teacher legislation, is being forced by the other Regents to backpedal on many details.

New Action supports attempts to lessen the impact of this bad system.

But using student test scores to rate teachers is plain wrong. At last month's Delegate Assembly we amended the leadership's resolution to drop UFT support of test scores to rate teachers.

Now we need to lead a fight to dump the law.

Tripod Surveys – Don't Count,

Won't Count – but Fariña Won't Let Go

In the new new evaluation law, there are no student surveys of teachers. But there were in the old new law, which is why the DoE prepared "tripod" surveys and sent them into the high schools. This year was supposed to be a pilot that doesn't count. There is no "next year" because of the change in law. And the surveys take half an hour of class time – while students are preparing for Regents exams (which count in MOSLs)

New Action brought this issue to the UFT leadership, who were rebuffed when they asked to pull the surveys. What is Fariña thinking?

Vote Greg Quinn for Chapter Leader, Social Workers and Psychologists

Gregorio "Greg" Quinn, New Action/UFT member, is running for Chapter Leader. He stands for member voice – that is, the professionals – the psychologists and the social workers – having a real say over how to properly provide quality care for children. He favors a more active chapter, and a responsive and proactive chapter at that. New Action urges Social Workers and Psychologists to "Vote Quinn."