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Delink testing from evaluation!

Race to the Top (RttT) pushed states to adopt teacher evaluation schemes that included student standardized test scores as part of teacher evaluation. Bad idea.

Obama's new Education Law (ESSA), signed three months ago, drops this onerous requirement. So now is the time to fix this horrible mistake in New York State law, right?

Not so fast. The UFT's current Unity leadership said: "We need to be cautious," as they prevented the Executive Board from voting to lobby for change to NY State law.

AFT Connecticut and the Connecticut Education Association joined forces to change that state's RttT law. Legislation left committee last week - the teachers' unions got that done.

We have a joint resolution with MORE today to do that same sort of productive lobbying in New York. Please vote yes to allow this important discussion to come to the floor.

Defend Chapter Leaders

Chapter Leaders are on the front line in our schools. Members vote for them, know them, rely on them. When principals go after the chapter leader, they are sending a message to every member "No one is safe." The union needs to step to the defense of any and every chapter leader under attack. If you are a chapter leader in this situation, contact your DR, your Borough Rep. And if you are not getting the help you need, contact us.

Did you get fooled into voting for higher co-pays?

Co-pays are jumping: Emergency Room visits - up from \$50 to \$150. Urgent Care - from \$15 to \$50. MRIs from \$15 to \$50. Specialists - from \$15/\$20 to \$30. Blood Work and Physical Therapy from \$15 to \$20. Copays for visits to primary care physicians stay at \$15.

How could this happen? Believe it or not, we voted for it. In the last contract, Unity put in health care "savings" provisions. But despite repeated inquiries, they never told us what those "savings" would be. Now we know what the "savings" are for this year. But brace yourselves - the contract does not agree to just one year, but FOUR YEARS of "savings."

A better leadership would have shared this crucial information with the members WHEN WE WERE voting, not two years later.

A better leadership would be fighting to IMPROVE coverage, not making deals to make it cost extra.



We want and need parental leave, not higher co-pays. Vote MORE/New Action.

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