

RCFA In Action

What You Can Do To Protect Your Profession

RIGHT NOW: Visit mac.nysut.org & text NYSUT to 38470 to sign up for texts/emails that alert you to Member Action Campaigns that make it easy to make your voice heard! And yes, there's an App for that (iPhone & Android).

Call Today. Call Often.
Call your elected officials. It's not that hard. NYSUT even has a script. You can use it verbatim, as a guideline, or ignore it altogether and express your own ideas about how **WRONG** Governor Cuomo's Budget Proposal is for education! Heck, you can just say that!! Find your district, the phone number to your state senator's office, and the script from the home page of mac.nysut.org. You can find a complete district map at nysenate.gov

Ongoing: Get Connected

- Share MAC campaigns through social media & encourage your friends/followers to action
- Talk to your family and neighbors about what's wrong with Governor Cuomo's proposal (we've even got talking points on the back of this sheet to make it easier to have the conversation)
- Be vocal: Express your concerns about the state of education and be an advocate for your profession and colleagues

When the RCFA Calls, STAND UP!

Your building reps will be organizing "call centers" so that we can reach out to legislators in solidarity.

Participate.

Look out for letter-writing events at the RCFA office. **Participate.**

Your Union is Nothing Without You!

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Start the Conversation

When talking to family, friends & neighbors, let them know that Governor Cuomo's budget will:

- Strip funding from local districts
- Strip autonomy from local districts and shift power to Albany
- Overburden our children with tests – he's even trying to **mandate** field tests in our schools so that for-profit businesses can test their products on our children
- Siphon \$\$ away from community-based public schools and into the hands of charter and private schools
- Create a very low threshold to place our schools and local districts into the hands of receiverships

Then...ENCOURAGE THEM TO ACTION!

In addition to the concerns of the general public, fellow education professionals will also be interested to know that Governor Cuomo's budget will:

- Make their livelihood dependent on the "mystery box" of state tests – 50% of their evaluation
- Gut tenure protections
- Make the 3020a process a sham
- Make charter school growth at the demise of public schools the end-game agenda

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Partial List of State Senators & Contact Information (nysenate.gov for complete list)

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When calling your state senator (this is the NYSUT script)...

I am a constituent of Senator _____ and I am calling to deliver an important message.

As a (parent/teacher/educator) in a public school, I want to express my unhappiness with the Governor's proposals for public education. These proposals reflect a "bigfoot" approach – an attempt to centralize power over public education in Albany and strip away local control from parents and their local, democratically elected school boards.

His unfair attack on teachers is a distraction from what our students need.

Can we count on Senator _____ to defend and fight for public education?

REACH OUT DIRECTLY TO GOVERNOR CUOMO'S SUFFOLK REP:

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