



September 1, 2015

Dear Legislator,

We write to request that you forgo attending the opening reception and dinner of the New York State Business Council Annual meeting, to be held Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at the Sagamore Resort.

You may not be aware but Campbell Brown, an anti-public education hedge fund-backed antagonist, will be 'headlining' this reception and dinner.

Campbell Brown's organization – The Partnership for Educational Justice – is funded by millionaires and billionaires who are attempting to undermine our public schools in New York and around the country. It has recently backed a lawsuit against New York state to eliminate due process and seniority rights for public school teachers and principals.

Due process rights for educators are an essential safeguard that allow teachers and principals to speak out strongly on behalf of what students and public schools need.

The Partnership for Educational Justice is nothing more than a billionaire backed anti-public school teacher and anti-union organization, one intent on destroying the great public schools we have in New York. Its lawsuit is part of an orchestrated campaign by Ms. Brown and her supporters to undermine public schools, public school educators and public school unions.

Seven individual teachers, including three New York state Teachers of the Year are defendants in this lawsuit, alongside NYSUT and its 600,000 members.

Ms. Brown and her supporters oppose full funding of our public schools, promote high stakes testing, support the continued privatization of our public schools and champion voucher schemes and charter schools. Recently, Ms. Brown began a so-called education news website on the premise that our public education system is failing and continues to advance ideas contrary to what's best for our students.

NYSUT and its members, alongside parents, the Alliance for Quality Education and other education and community organizations will be picketing the Business Council's opening reception and dinner on September 16, 2015, to show our displeasure of the decision by the Business Council to highlight Ms. Brown's anti-public education agenda.

**We ask that you cancel any plans to attend the opening reception and dinner of the New York State Business Council Annual meeting, and stand with public school students, parents and educators.**

Please support our great public schools, students, parents and educators and do not cross this picket line.

NYSUT/AQE letter to legislators, re: Campbell Brown picket

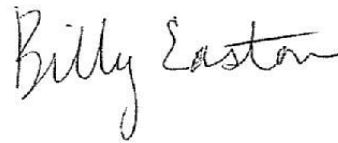
If you have any questions about Ms. Brown's anti-public education stance, please contact Kyle McCauley Belokopitsky from NYSUT at 518-213-6000 ext. 6613 or Jasmine Gripper from AQE at 518-432-5315.

We look forward to continuing to work together to best support New York's great public schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andy Pallotta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andy" and last name "Pallotta" clearly legible.

Andy Pallotta  
Executive Vice President  
New York State United Teachers

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Billy Easton". The signature is written in a cursive style, with "Billy" and "Easton" clearly legible.

Billy Easton  
Executive Director  
Alliance for Quality Education