



# RECEIVERSHIP MEETING



May 21, 2015  
NYSUT Conference Center

# AGENDA

Welcome, *Catalina Fortino* ..... 10:30 am

Receivership Law and Regulations

The Experience in Lawrence, MA

Taking Stock: What is happening in districts?

Lunch ..... 12:30-1:15

Organizing for Support: What do locals need?

Planning for Regional Meetings

Next Steps ..... 2:00-2:30pm



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## Priority schools targeted for receivership

- 27 schools on a list for 10 or more years get one year to improve
- 151 remaining schools on the priority schools list get 2 years to improve
- 14 schools eligible for removal from the list
- Currently, 17 school districts have schools affected by the new law
- Commissioner determines whether a school is subject to receivership, removed from the list or remains under district control with the superintendent vested with the powers of the receiver

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## Receiver

- Appointed by the superintendent with the approval of the Commissioner
- Is an ex-officio member of the Board of Education
- May be a non-profit, another school district or an individual
- Will manage and operate all aspects of the school
- Create a school intervention plan based on a community schools model
- Submit the plan to the Commissioner within 6 months of appointment

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School Intervention Plan must

- Address the social service, health and mental health needs of students
- Provide a safe and secure learning environment
- Provide greater access to CTE programs
- Address the achievement gaps
- Address school climate
- Include a budget for the plan

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The plan must include measureable goals for improving

- Student attendance
- Student discipline
- School safety
- Student promotion
- Graduation rate
- Drop-out rate
- Student achievement and growth
- Achievement gaps



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The Receiver may

- Make curriculum changes
- Replace teachers and administrators
- Increase salaries of teachers and administrators
- Improve hiring, induction, evaluation, professional development and organizational structure
- Change the school budget
- Expand the school day and/or year
- Order conversion to a charter school

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The Receiver may

- Abolish all positions and require staff to re-apply
  - Staffing committee to determine if those re-applying are qualified including the receiver, 2 members appointed by the receiver and 2 members appointed by the union
  - Any teacher with 2 ineffective ratings is not qualified to be re-hired
  - At least 50 percent of former staff must be re-hired
  - Seniority only applies after the teacher's APPR rating is considered
  - Teachers not re-hired have no bumping rights
  - Teachers not re-hired are placed on a PEL
- Ask teachers to negotiate a new bargaining agreement



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- Bargaining agreement must be reached in 30 days and ratified within 10 days
- Collective Bargaining over
  - Length of day
  - Length of year
  - Professional development
  - Class size
  - Changes in program, assignments and teaching conditions

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- Timeline
  - Stakeholder meeting on May 27, 2015
  - Emergency regulations adopted at June Regents meeting
  - Final list available on July 1, 2015
  - Final regulations adopted in September 2015



THANK YOU

