

# ★ 2020 VOTER GUIDE ★



NYSUT's guide to union-endorsed candidates in the general election

# NEW-YORK

What's Your Plan To Vote?

**OPTION 1** 

# VOTE BY MAIL

Apply Online by Oct. 27 **Ballot Postmarked by Nov. 3** 



**OPTION 2** 

# **VOTE EARLY**

Oct. 24 - Nov. 1



**OPTION 3** 

# OTE ON **ELECTION DAY** Nov. 3





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#### **Dear NYSUT member:**

We are pleased to provide this Voter Guide so YOU and your VOTE can help move the state and the nation away from regressive corporatism and toward progressive solutions.

We don't need to spell out all the ways that 2020 is different from other election years in recent memory, but one thing you need to think about is the need to vote safely and to vote early. Thanks in part to our efforts, concern about exposure to COVID-19 is now an official reason to secure an absentee ballot. If you plan to vote by mail, we urge you to request a mail-in ballot promptly.

Only through a strong, unprecedented turnout from NYSUT members can we ensure that the best interests of students, educators, health care professionals and New York's public education system, from Pre-K through higher ed, will come through this pandemic stronger than before.

Our state and our country are clearly at a crossroads, and the decisions we make this fall will impact what happens from the halls of power in Washington, D.C., to the capitol in Albany and in each and every community in New York.

This guide provides the complete list of NYSUT-endorsed candidates as recommended by our local presidents and NYSUT's Political Action Committee, and approved by the union's Board of Directors. Please take the time to read and consider this information before you cast your ballot.

You will be able to vote by mail, vote early in your community, or on Election Day at your local polls, but it is most important to make a plan and to cast your ballot. Your VOTE is Our Voice for Our Union and Our Values.

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In Solidarity.

### **ENDORSEMENTS REFLECT UNION VALUES**

Using an exhaustive, democratic process, NYSUT endorses Republicans and Democrats who share our commitment to public education, health care, retirement security, the right to bargain collectively and a strong middle class.

The union communicates its endorsements to all members. Not all of you will agree with them, but the process reflects the opinions of members' representatives.

Candidates seeking NYSUT support first fill out a candidate questionnaire, and members of the Political Action Committee interview them. The PAC submits its recommendations during a two-day



endorsement conference where they are reviewed with local leaders in thorough discussions.

Participants review the candidates' positions, voting records and advocacy for accessibility and responsiveness. Once the proposed slate of endorsed candidates is set, it is submitted to the NYSUT Executive Committee for discussion and then to the

entire Board of Directors for discussion and final approval.

"It's a long process, but it is the best way to ensure the endorsed candidates have truly earned our support," said President Andy Pallotta.

# THE TOP OF THE TICKET! LABOR BACKS BIDEN

NYSUT does not issue endorsements in presidential elections, but our national affiliates — the American Federation of Teachers and
National Education Association — do. Both have endorsed the Democratic team of former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif.
They say Biden and Harris will unite the country, protect public schools and colleges, expand health care and support the rights of
working people in ways the current administration does not.



Here are some reasons why our national affiliates have endorsed Biden-Harris for president and vice president:

#### **ISSUE**



Named billionaire heiress Betsy DeVos secretary of education based solely on her record of opposition to public education and advocacy for charter schools and privatization.

Has failed to fill seats on the National Labor Relations Board and routinely attacked the rights of working people, making it more difficult to organize unions. Supports federal judges who favor so-called "right-towork" laws and opposes unions for public employees.

The President's personal experience running a private, profit-driven university ended in disaster for students who lost thousands of dollars and received nothing in return. DeVos backs for-profit "colleges" and has failed to support public colleges and universities.

Has been trying for years to dismantle the popular Affordable Care Act, which would take health insurance away from millions of Americans and allow companies to deny coverage because of ubiquitous pre-existing conditions. Pulled the U.S. out of the World Health Organization in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Policies have enriched the wealthy while opportunities have stagnated for the 99 percent. Tens of millions are unemployed or underemployed, can't afford to feed their families, face eviction or loss of their homes and have already lost work-related health insurance coverage.

#### **EDUCATION**

**LABOR** 

# HIGHER EDUCATION

**HEALTH CARE** 

#### **ECONOMY**

Biden will replace Betsy DeVos with a secretary of education who has experience in public schools. Will attract and retain quality educators by supporting pay raises, paid leave and student loan forgiveness.

His solidarity with unions is rooted in his working-class upbringing in Scranton, PA. He will defend against attacks on working Americans, encourage and incentivize unionization, strengthen collective bargaining and ensure workers are treated with dignity.

As first lady, Dr. Jill Biden — a community college professor and longtime union member (NEA) — will be a friend and colleague to public higher education. Biden and Harris support increased access to post-secondary academics for all students.

Supports and advocates improvements in the ACA to ensure coverage for all Americans, including removing pre-existing conditions as a reason to deny coverage. Would rejoin the World Health Organization and promises to follow the science and listen to the medical experts in battling the coronavirus.

Biden has pledged to bring leaders from both parties together to work out a bipartisan deal to help middle-and lower-income Americans. He promises more support during the pandemic for those who have suffered the most from the economic crash.

# IT'S NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT TO VOTE...

### AND IT'S NEVER BEEN EASIER

The 2020 General Election will be one of the most influential elections in United States history. The results will determine the future of democracy as well as the values that will dictate our country's place in the world. In New York State and across the U.S., the outcomes will shape education, health care, labor and civil rights for generations.

YOU have to vote this year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, election rules have been modified to ensure that all citizens can exercise their rights to vote in a way that they feel safe and comfortable.

Make a plan NOW, and vote by Nov. 3.

#### THREE WAYS TO CAST YOUR BALLOT

Choose one of three ways you can cast your ballot this year and make a plan to get it done!

- ★ You can vote by mail,
- ★ You can vote early in person at a designated polling site, or
- ★ You can vote on Election Day at your neighborhood polling place.

If you want to vote by mail, use the application at the back of this guide to request an absentee ballot. Completed applications must be postmarked by Oct. 27 or delivered in person to your county board of elections office by Nov. 2. You can cite concern over COVID-19 exposure as a temporary illness. Follow the instructions and deadlines on the form.

To submit your ballot, mail it no later than **Nov. 3**; put it in a drop box at an early poll site or at a poll site on Election Day, or drop it at your county board of elections between **today and Nov. 3**.

If you decide not to vote by mail and you live in New York State, double-check your polling place at https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/

Early voting runs from **Oct. 24-Nov. 1** at designated polling sites. Check with your county board of elections for hours and locations.

On **Election Day**, polls are open from **6 a.m. to 9 p.m.** at neighborhood polling sites.

#### APPLY FOR YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT TODAY

- ★ Use the form at the back of this guide to apply for your absentee ballot. Clip it, fill it out, put it in an envelope and address it to your board of elections as listed on the back.
- 🖈 Applications must be mailed seven days before the election or hand-delivered to your county board of elections by the day before the election.
- ★ Any registered voter can apply for an absentee ballot, but you must do it yourself.
- ★ By executive order, concern about COVID-19 exposure qualifies as a legitimate reason as a temporary illness.
- 🖈 If you don't want to mail the form, apply directly at the state Board of Elections' new online portal: https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/





### NYSUT MEMBERS ARE ON BALLOTS ACROSS THE STATE

The day after Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., became the first female person of color to run for U.S. vice president, she endorsed a member of our union to take a seat in Congress.

Jackie Gordon spent almost three decades working in New York public schools, and served overseas duty in the Army Reserve.



**JACKIE GORDON** 

"As an educator and as a mom, I believe all of our children deserve access to a high quality education that prepares them for their future, whether it's a four-year college or a career and technical school," she said. "I will work to make sure our schools and our teachers have the resources they need."

Gordon already had support from her statewide union.

Following an exhaustive, online conference with union leaders and activists this summer, NYSUT issued endorsements in hundreds of general election races for state Legislature and recommended Congressional candidates for endorsements by the union's national affiliates, the American Federation of Teachers and National Education Association.

"As cornerstones of our communities, government support for public schools, colleges and hospitals has never been more critical as we continue to weather the effects of the coronavirus pandemic," NYSUT President Andy Pallotta said. "We need elected officials who will stand up for teachers, School-Related Professionals, medical professionals and those they serve, and we believe this slate of candidates can best deliver for the New Yorkers who will rely on them in the halls of power."

Another strong candidate is West Genesee TA President John Mannion who is running a second time for the state Senate seat in District 50. In addition to NYSUT's support, he is endorsed by the AFL-CIO and multiple labor unions.

"I am very proud and humbled by the outpouring of support from my brothers and sisters in organized labor," Mannion said. It will be crucial as he strives to replace a GOP senator in a district Democrats have come close to flipping in prior elections.

Also running for Senate with NYSUT support is Western New York labor



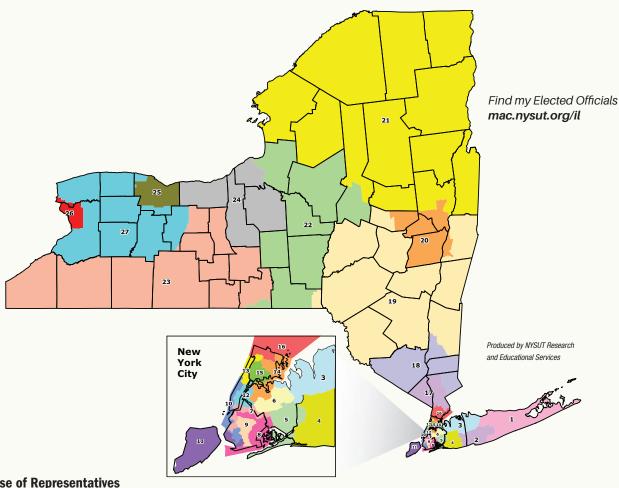
**JOHN MANNION** 

activist and United University Professions member Jacqui Berger, in the 61st Senate District. "This is a great opportunity and one I can achieve with labor's support," she said.

NYSUT endorsed member Jabari Brisport in Senate District 25, as well, and NYSUT members running for the Assembly with their union's support include Chantel Jackson in Assembly District 79, Dia Carabajal in Assembly District 126 and William Conrad in Assembly District 140.

NYSUT-endorsed candidates receive grassroots support from fellow members, including phone banking, door knocking and literature distribution. The union also makes financial contributions from voluntary donations

# U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



#### **U.S. House of Representatives**

#### DISTRICT/NAME

- 1 Nancy Goroff
- 2 Jackie Gordon\*
- 3 Thomas Suozzi
- 4 Kathleen Rice
- **5** Gregory Meeks
- 6 Grace Meng
- 7 Nydia M. Velazquez
- 8 Hakeem Jeffries
- 9 Yvette D. Clarke

- 10 Jerrold Nadler
- 11 Max Rose
- 12 Carolyn Maloney
- 13 Adriano Espaillat
- 14 Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- 15 No Endorsement
- 16 Jamaal Bowman
- 17 Mondaire Jones
- 18 Sean Patrick Maloney

- 19 Antonio Delgado
- 20 Paul Tonko
- 21 Tedra Cobb
- 22 Anthony Brindisi
- 23 Tracy Mitrano
- 24 Dana Balter
- 25 Joseph Morelle
- 26 Brian Higgins
- 27 Nate McMurray

### **KEY U.S. HOUSE RACES**

#### \* NYSUT member



# JACKIE GORDON\* CD 2

Gordon is a combat veteran and an educator, with three decades of service in both fields. She taught thousands of young people in New York schools and says all

children deserve access to a high quality education that prepares them for their future, whether it's a four-year college or a Career and Technical Education. She will work to make health care more affordable, protect those with pre-existing conditions, and lower prescription drug costs. Prior to running for Congress, Gordon served 13 years on the Babylon Town Council.



# MAX ROSE CD 11

A U.S. Army veteran who served in Afghanistan, Rose is fighting to ensure teachers and public schools have the resources to prepare students for the

challenges of the 21st century, so that all kids have a shot at good job opportunities with or without a college degree. In Congress, he led a bipartisan coalition to win \$140 million in increased funding to combat the opioid crisis through prevention and treatment.



ANTONIO DELGADO CD 19

Delgado says protecting the jobs of the hundreds of thousands of teachers, health care workers, service workers, farmers and

factory workers in his district requires investing in those industries and communities. He is committed to fighting for a health care system that addresses rising premiums and deductibles, protects people with pre-existing conditions and provides real coverage to everyone. He encourages economic development and worker training in growth industries like tech and clean energy.

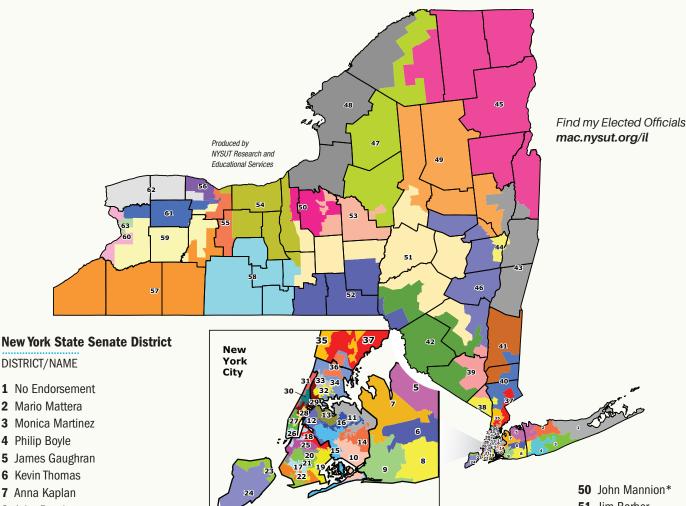


#### ANTHONY BRINDISI CD 22

A political reformer with a proven record of working across the aisle to deliver results for Upstate New York, Brindisi

says teachers must have the resources they need to give children a world-class education. He is committed to ensuring public schools are fully funded, including early childhood education programs, and that students are prepared for a 21st century economy. He supports investment in community colleges and Career and Technical Education programs.

## **NEW YORK STATE SENATE**



- 7 Anna Kaplan
- 8 John Brooks
- 9 Todd Kaminsky
- 10 James Sanders Jr.
- 11 John Liu
- 12 Michael N. Gianaris
- 13 Jessica Ramos
- 14 Leroy Comrie
- 15 Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.
- 16 Toby Ann Stavisky
- 17 No Endorsement
- 18 Julia Salazar
- 19 Roxanne Persaud
- 20 Zellnor Myrie

- 21 No Endorsement
- 22 Andrew Gounardes
- 23 Diane J. Savino
- 24 No Endorsement
- 25 Jabari Brisport\*
- 26 Brian Kavanagh
- 27 Brad Hoylman
- 28 Liz Krueger
- 29 Jose Serrano
- 30 Brian Benjamin

- 31 Robert Jackson
- 32 No Endorsement
- 33 J. Gustavo Rivera
- 34 Alessandra Biaggi
- **35** Andrea
  - Stewart-Cousins
- 36 Jamaal Bailey 37 Shelley Mayer
- 38 Elijah Reichlin-Melnick
- 39 James Skoufis

- 40 Peter Harckham
- 41 Karen Smythe
- 42 Jen Metzger
- 43 No Endorsement
- 44 Neil D. Breslin
- 45 Dan Stec
- 46 Michelle Hinchey
- 47 Joseph A. Griffo
- 48 Patty Ritchie
- 49 James Tedisco

- 51 Jim Barber
- 52 No Endorsement
- 53 Rachel May
- 54 Pamela Helming
- 55 Samra Brouk
- 56 Jeremy Cooney
- 57 No Endorsement
- 58 Leslie Danks Burke
- 59 No Endorsement
- 60 Sean M. Ryan
- 61 Jacqui Berger\*
- 62 No Endorsement
- 63 No Endorsement

<sup>\*</sup> indicates NYSUT member

### **KEY STATE SENATE RACES**



MONICA MARTINEZ SD 3

In her first term as senator, the former member of NYSUT has fought for and secured record funding for schools ensuring Long Islanders get their fair share from Albany. Martinez also co-sponsored one of the most progressive pieces of Climate Change legislation in the country.



JOHN MANNION\*

**SD 50** 

President of his NYSUT local union, Mannion has strong labor support in Central New York. He says we have to prepare all of our kids and grandkids for the careers we cannot even imagine today; another round of short-sighted mandates from Albany isn't going to cut it.



ANDREW GOUNARDES SD 22

Gounardes says public education is the most important service government provides. It has enabled generations of Americans to realize their dreams. Every student in New York deserves access to a free, quality education from Pre-K to college, so they too can achieve their goals.



SAMRA BROUK SD 55

Brouk will be a voice for working people in Western New York and put the needs of under-resourced communities before the profits of ultra-millionaires. She promises to work to fully fund public schools, create more affordable housing, and boost economic recovery in Monroe County.



PETER HARCKHAM SD 40

In the Senate, Harckham secured millions in school aid to improve local class-rooms, expand Pre-K programs and reduce class sizes, and passed legislation to preserve natural resources. Harckham is the founding co-chair of the Senate Joint Task Force on Opioids, Addiction and Overdose Prevention.



LESLIE DANKS BURKE SD 58

Burke says every child deserves a quality education, whether they're born into a rich or a poor ZIP code — but New York has shortchanged the poor ZIP codes, with rural schools getting hit particularly hard. She says investment in public education, Pre-K through post-secondary, more than pays for itself.





JEN METZGER SD 42

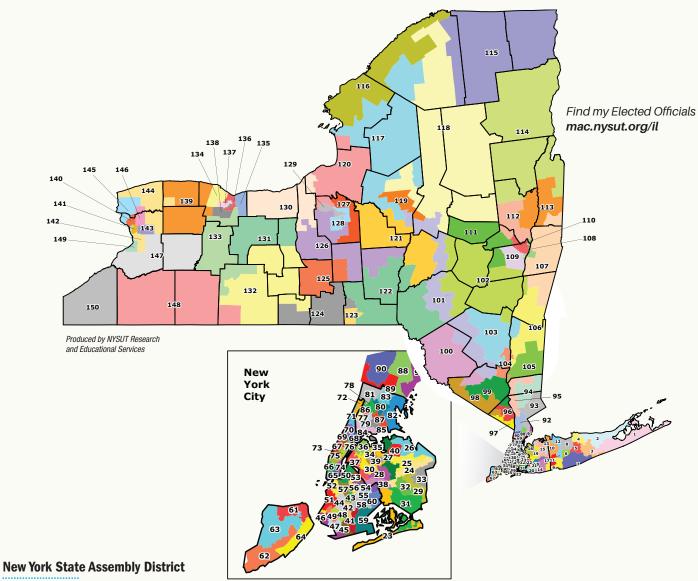
With strong support from labor, Metzger is committed to fixing the way schools are funded. She calls for balanced education funding statewide and progressive tax reform so schools get their fair share and seniors and working families get the property tax relief they need.



JACQUI BERGER\*
SD 61

A member of United University Professions, Berger vows to provide the funding needed to ensure all students receive a quality education. She supports community schools to serve students and families, high-quality public higher education and increased funding for SUNY campuses and hospitals, and community colleges.

## **NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY**



DISTRICT/NAME

1 Fred Thiele Jr.	6 Philip Ramos
2 Laura Jens-Smith	7 Jarett Gandolfo
3 Joe DeStefano	8 Dylan Rice
4 Steven C. Englebright	9 Michael Durso

5 Douglas Smith 10 Steve Stern 11 Kimberly Jean-Pierre

12 Michael Marcantonio

13 Charles D. Lavine

14 David McDonough 15 Michael Montesano 16 Gina Sillitti

17 John Mikulin

18 Taylor Darling

19 Edward P. Ra

20 Gregory Marks

- 21 Judy Griffin
- 22 Michaelle Solages
- 23 Stacey Pheffer Amato
- 24 David I. Weprin
- 25 Nily Rozic
- 26 Edward C. Braunstein
- 27 Daniel Rosenthal
- 28 Andrew Hevesi
- **29** Alicia Hyndman
- **30** Brian Barnwell
- 31 Khaleel Anderson
- 32 Vivian E. Cook
- 33 Clyde Vanel
- 34 Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas
- 35 Jeffrion L. Aubry
- 36 Zohran Kwame Mamdani
- 37 Catherine T. Nolan
- 38 Jenifer Rajkumar
- **39** Catalina Cruz
- 40 Ronald Kim
- 41 Helene E. Weinstein
- 42 Rodneyse Bichotte
- 43 Diana C. Richardson
- 44 Robert C. Carroll
- 45 Steven Cymbrowitz
- **46** Mathylde Frontus
- 47 William Colton
- 48 Simcha Eichenstein
- 49 Peter J. Abbate Jr.
- 50 Emily Gallagher
- **51** Marcela Mitaynes
- **52** Jo Anne Simon
- 53 No Endorsement
- 54 Erik Dilan
- 55 Latrice Walker
- **56** Stefani Zinerman
- **57** No Endorsement
- **58** N. Nick Perry

- 59 Jaime Williams
- 60 Charles Barron
- 61 Charles Fall
- **62** Michael Reilly
- 63 Michael Cusick
- **64** Brandon Patterson
- 65 Yuh-Line Niou
- 66 Deborah Glick
- 67 Linda B. Rosenthal
- **68** No Endorsement
- 69 Daniel O'Donnell
- 70 Inez Dickens
- 71 Alfred Taylor
- 72 Carmen De La Rosa
- 73 Dan Quart
- 74 Harvey Epstein
- 75 Richard Gottfried
- 76 Rebecca Seawright
- 77 Latoya Joyner
- 78 Jose Rivera
- 79 Chantel Jackson\*
- 80 Nathalia Fernandez
- 81 Jeffrey Dinowitz
- 82 Michael Benedetto
- 83 Carl E. Heastie
- 84 No Endorsement
- 85 No Endorsement
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- 86 Victor M. Pichardo
- 87 Karines Reyes
- 88 Amy R. Paulin
- 89 James Gary Pretlow
- 90 Nader Sayegh
- 91 Steven Otis
- 92 Thomas Abinanti
- 93 Chris Burdick
- 94 No Endorsement
- 95 Sandra Galef
- 96 Kenneth Zebrowski

- 97 Ellen C. Jaffee
- 98 No Endorsement
- 99 Sarita Bhandarkar
- 100 Aileen Gunther
- 101 Chad McEvov
- 102 No Endorsement
- 103 Kevin Cahill
- 104 Jonathan Jacobson
- 105 No Endorsement
- 106 Didi Barrett
- 107 Jacob Ashby
- 108 John McDonald III
- 109 Patricia Fahy
- 110 Phil Steck
- 111 Angelo Santabarbara
- 112 Mary Beth Walsh
- 113 Carrie Woerner
- 114 No Endorsement
- 115 D. Billy Jones
- 116 Mark Walczvk
- 117 Ken Blankenbush
- 118 Robert Smullen
- 119 Marianne Buttenschon
- 120 William Barclay
- 121 Dan Buttermann
- 122 No Endorsement
- **123** Donna Lupardo
- 124 Randy Reid
- 125 Anna Kelles
- 126 Dia Carabajal\*
- **127** Al Stirpe
- 128 Pamela Hunter
- 129 William Magnarelli
- 130 No Endorsement
- 131 No Endorsement
- 132 Philip A. Palmesano
- 133 ChaRon Sattler-Leblanc
- **134** Josh Jensen

- 135 Jennifer Lunsford
- 136 Sarah Clark
- 137 Demond Meeks
- 138 Harry Bronson
- 139 Stephen M. Hawley
- 140 William Conrad\*
- **141** Crystal Peoples-Stokes
- 142 Patrick Burke
- 143 Monica P. Wallace
- 144 Michael Norris
- 145 Angelo Morinello
- 4.40 Varian MaMahan
- 146 Karen McMahon
- 147 No Endorsement
- **148** Joseph Giglio
- 149 Jonathan Rivera
- 150 Andrew Goodell
- \* indicates NYSUT member



# **KEY STATE ASSEMBLY RACES**





MIKE MARCANTONIO **AD 12** 

Marcantonio is known for his local fight against a large utility to claw back taxes for his Long Island community and schools. He says he will fight to ensure public schools and colleges are fully funded so this part of the American dream remains on Long Island.



**REBECCA SEAWRIGHT AD 76** 

Seawright advocates for women's rights, public education at all levels, senior citizens, human rights, LGBTQ+ rights, affordable housing, environmental protection, public health and criminal justice reform. She opposes tuition increases at SUNY and CUNY.



**CHANTEL JACKSON\* AD 79** 

Jackson is a proud UFT member and social worker at a New York City public high school, professor and author. She wants to make sure needy school districts receive the funding owed to them by the state, to fund mental health services and to provide coverage for the underinsured.



**ELLEN JAFFEE AD 97** 

Jaffee has stood up for middle-class and working families, fighting to lower taxes, create jobs, support business development programs, and increase funding for public schools and community colleges. She has reached across the aisle to deliver landmark legislation to improve quality of life for all.



**DIA CARABAJAL\* AD 126** 

As a 30-year educator, Carabajal knows that great schools and access to quality, affordable higher education are the keys to our children's future. As a NYSUT member she has been in the fight for the Foundation Aid funding needed to address inequality in our schools.



**JEN LUNSFORD AD 135** 

Lunsford says we must fully fund education, because asking schools to do more with less is unfair to students and educators. The COVID-19 crisis has taught us that we need a health care system focused on patients and outcomes, not who can afford the best insurance.



WILLIAM CONRAD\* **AD 140** 

As a teacher and coach for 20 years, NYSUT member Conrad believes we need to call for an educational system that is reflexive and responsive. With the aging workforce in skilled trades we need to strengthen career pipelines to help industries and our students reach their full potential.



### **New York State Absentee Ballot Application**

Please print clearly. See detailed instructions.

This application must either be personally delivered to your county board of elections not

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## WHAT'S AT STAKE IN NEW YORK **FUNDING AND FAIRNESS**

The effects of the state legislative elections in November will have an enormous impact on the way New York responds to long simmering and new boiling funding problems for public education and health care.

"The Foundation Aid formula that came out of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit 27 years ago was never fully implemented," said NYSUT President Andy Pallotta. "So, the state has yet to provide the sound, basic education every student deserves under the state Constitution."

With the COVID-19 pandemic pushing the economy over the brink into recession, this problem has grown exponentially. That's why NYSUT started litigation in an attempt to force the state to take legislative action.

We must work together to elect candidates who will support the union's position that the state has numerous ways to help close its budget gap — revenue-raising taxes on ultra-millionaires and billionaires, rainy day funds and cuts to less-essential budget lines in the state bureaucracy.

#### **Funding for education**

The state must provide more funding to stop the looming threats of layoffs and to guarantee a fair and equitable education for all students.

#### Higher ed

With COVID-19 steamrolling public higher education in real time, state funding — which has lagged for years — must be bolstered to ensure affordability, quality and accessibility.

#### **Health care**

NYSUT-endorsed candidates support improved access to health care, value SUNY academic medical centers and support safe nurse-to-patient staffing ratios.



### WHAT'S AT STAKE NATIONALLY



The federal government's failed response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its disastrous impact on the economy - which has left millions out of work, facing eviction and increasingly vulnerable - is only the latest reason to make changes.

Over the past four years, the White House and its followers in the U.S. Senate have done nothing to support public education and access to health care in this country.

With the vast majority of NYSUT members working in these industries, it's no surprise our national affiliates are working for a change of tenants at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Two years ago, due in large part to the work of AFT and NEA, the House of Representatives turned from Republican to Democrat to provide a check on the GOP monopoly. But the House has been blocked at every turn as it attempted to restore support for public education.

Under Secretary Betsy DeVos, the **Department** of Education continues to aggressively push an anti-public, pro-charter and privatization agenda. This anti-union program aims to destroy public schools and public employee unions.

The Department also is trying to scale back student loan rights, making college less affordable, and seeking to promote private, for-profit post-secondary options, like the defunct Trump University.

Social Security and Medicare remain under attack by the Senate and the White House, which intend to cut the earned benefit programs to help pay for tax cuts benefiting the wealthy.

Despite many failed efforts, the administration and the Senate are still trying to slice away at key components of the Affordable Care Act that will leave millions more Americans without health insurance.

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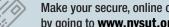
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## GET UP! GET INTO IT! GET INVOLVED!

So much is at stake in this year's elections. The future of our state, our nation and our planet hang in the balance.

The richest, most powerful corporate special interests are working, with support in the corridors of power on federal and state levels, to destroy the labor movement, privatize public services for their own profit, and to disenfranchise working people.

YOU CAN HELP fight back to defend our rights, our professions and our future.

WE NEED YOU to help get-out-the-vote, locally, statewide and in regional swing states. Organize others to help make phone calls, distribute literature and help people participate in the elections process.



#### **GET STARTED**

NYSUT has organizers who are here to help you get involved.

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