

Tell Gov. Cuomo to Support Our Public School Children!

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| CUOMO'S PLAN | HOW IT HURTS OUR SCHOOLS |
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| <p>Refuse to meet the state's constitutional obligation for funding schools and continue to withhold the more than \$2 billion owed to NYC public schools under the Campaign for Fiscal Equity settlement. Ignore the huge school-funding inequities in New York State that have grown under Cuomo.</p> | <p>Our kids desperately need this school funding to have equitable opportunities for education. They need smaller class sizes; restored programs in art, music, library and afterschool; and sufficient support for students, including space for therapy rooms and adequate staffing of social workers, psychologists and guidance counselors.</p> |
| <p>Put high-stakes testing into overdrive by basing 50 percent of a teacher's evaluation on state test scores.</p> | <p>Other states are moving away from basing evaluations largely on test scores as research shows it's invalid. High-stakes testing wastes our precious school funds and falsely treats a single test taken on one day of the school year as more important than what happens on the other 180 days.</p> |
| <p>Raise the state cap on charter schools and remove all geographic limits.</p> | <p>New York City alone could get up to about 250 new charter schools— 100 from the increased cap plus 25 remaining under the existing cap for New York City and 132 remaining under the current cap for the rest of the state. Most charters already break state law by failing to educate the same number of high-needs students as traditional schools but Cuomo would reward their bad behavior.</p> |
| <p>Force struggling schools in high-poverty areas into receivership, giving private entities an opportunity to take total control of the schools.</p> | <p>Cuomo wants to punish schools that are struggling from years of neglect and underfunding by the state that he governs. This blame-and-punish strategy would strip our schools of local control and silence the voices of parents and educators. It would lead to more privatization of public education.</p> |



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