

Call the Governor and Your Senator

Note: Long Island Senators are listed below. For more information, or if you don't know your senator, please go to the MAC app, found at: <https://mac.nysut.org/callegislators/widget/issue/333>

SCRIPT:

“As someone who lives and works in your district, I wanted to let you know how important public education and its support is to me. I am asking you to reject the governor’s harmful education proposals and support a fair and robust public education system in New York from pre-K to post-graduate.

I ask you and your colleagues to reject all of the governor's harmful education proposals and take these discussions OUT of budget negotiations.

- **Reject the governor’s proposal to make 50% of an evaluation based on inappropriate high-stakes testing, and keep local control in fair evaluations by rejecting outside evaluators. This fixation with testing is creating a hostile environment for our children;**
- **Reject the governor’s proposal on a longer teacher probation period and a weakening of due process, often called tenure, for our local teachers and school staff. Reject 3020a changes that make evaluations more punitive. Three years is more than ample time to judge the quality and competency of a new teacher;**
- **Reject the governor’s proposal to rip local control away from schools by placing them in receivership and removing parent, community, and stakeholder influence in how our own children will learn;**
- **Reject the proposal to raise the cap on charter schools by 100 schools, prohibit them from being sited anywhere in the state, and reject statewide building aid for charters. I also ask that you reject the governor and the Senate’s proposals to increase the per-pupil tuition increase that will drain money out of public schools; and**
- **Tell the governor “no” to performance-based funding and “yes” to supporting a Maintenance of Effort of funding and operational support for SUNY, CUNY, and their community colleges.**

Do I have your support on these issues?”