



# NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

## 2023 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 8, 2023 – 9:30 AM

### ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

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1. New York State Education Department  
Betty A. Rosa  
Commissioner

2. New York City Department of Education  
David Banks  
Chancellor

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**Panel A:**

3. United Federation of Teachers  
Karen Alford  
Vice President for Elementary  
Schools United Federation of  
Teachers

4. New York State United Teachers  
Andrew Pallotta  
President

5. Council of School Supervisors and Administrators  
Henry Rubio  
President

6. School Administrators Association of NYS  
Cynthia E. Gallagher  
Director of Government Relations

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**Panel B:**

7. Conference of Big 5 School Districts  
Jennifer K. Pyle  
Executive Director

8. Syracuse City School District  
Anthony Davis  
Superintendent

9. Buffalo Public Schools  
Dr. Tonja Williams  
Superintendent

10. Rochester City School District  
Dr. Carmine Peluso  
Superintendent

11. Yonkers Public Schools  
Dr. Edwin Quezada  
Superintendent

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**Panel C:**

12. 4201 Schools Association  
Dr. Bernadette Kappen  
Co-Chair

13. New York State Coalition of 853 Schools  
Edward Placke  
President

14. Advocates for Children of New York  
Randi Levine  
Policy Director

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**Panel D:**

15. NYS Council of School Superintendents  
Robert Lowry  
Deputy Director

16. NYS School Boards Association  
Brian Fessler  
Director of Government Relations

17. BOCES of New York State  
Dan White  
District Superintendent  
Monroe 1 BOCES

18. Rural Schools Association of New York  
David Little  
Executive Director

19. New York State Parent Teacher Association  
Kyle Belokopitsky  
Executive Director

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**Panel E:**

20. New York Library Association  
Maxwell Prime  
Director Government Relations  
and Advocacy

21. NY Association for Pupil Transportation  
David Christopher  
Executive Director

22. New York School Bus Contractors Association  
Nicholas Vallone  
President

23. New York State Association for Computers  
and Technologies in Education  
Dr. Amy S. DelCorvo  
CEO/ Executive Director

24. NYS Community Schools Network  
Alli Lidie  
Network Lead

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**Panel F:**

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| 25. Teach NYS                                     | Sydney Altfield<br>Executive Director                                   |
| 26. New York State Catholic School Superintendent | James Cultrara<br>Executive Secretary                                   |
| 27. Agudath Israel                                | Rabbi Yeruchim Silber<br>Director of New York<br>Governmental Relations |
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**Panel G:**

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| 28. New York Charter School Association | Yomika Bennett<br>Executive Director |
| 29. Charter Parent Council              | Nakia Franklin<br>President          |
| 30. NYC Charter School Center           | James Merriman<br>CEO                |
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**Panel H:**

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| 31. New York State Nutrition Association           | Patrick Kenneally<br>School Lunch Director &<br>NYSNA Public Policy/<br>Legislative Committee |
| 32. Healthy School Meals for All NY Kids Coalition | Jessica Pino-Goodspeed<br>Manager, School Meal Policy<br>and Engagement                       |
| 33. Niskayuna CSD                                  | Megan Bates<br>Senior School Lunch Director   |
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**Panel I:**

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| 34. Center for Educational Equity at Teachers College,<br>Columbia University | Michael Rebell<br>Executive Director                                  |
| 35. Alliance for Quality Education  | Jasmine Gripper<br>Executive Director                                 |
| 36. Yaffed  | Phylisa Wisdom<br>Director of Governmental Affairs<br>And Development |
| 37. Solutions not Suspensions Coalition                                       | Amshula Jayaram<br>Coalition Lead                                     |
| 38. National Parents Union  | Ashara Baker<br>New York State Director                               |

