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SUNY chancellor and NY lawmakers tackle teacher shortage

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — New York State lawmakers are addressing the teacher shortage crisis that is affecting school districts throughout the state.

On Wednesday, SUNY chancellor John King said he's committed to working hard with the school districts in New York amid this teacher shortage that is affecting many.

King addressed the Governor's proposal.

On the state website, Gov. Kathy Hochul pushing to 'Rebuild NY's Teacher Workforce,' a mission that emphasizes recruiting and retaining teachers revitalizing the SUNY system, and making it the best statewide system of public higher education in

"We're trying to work with school districts to make sure we're doing all we can at SUNY to help provide that pipeline of future educators," said King.

Democrat State Senator John Mannion is a retired educator and a member of the Senate's education committee.

He admitted the state could do better.

He thinks what was done to address the healthcare worker shortage could also work with teachers. Setting up programs to provide teachers incentives while retaining them in New

York might provide the support needed for teachers.

Republican assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon sits on the assembly education committee.

She's spent more than 20 years in higher education. Her son and daughter-in-law are both educators so this shortage hits close to home.

Buttenschon said the assembly did pass legislation this past week that directs the commissioner of education to issue guidance for developing programs to attract underrepresented candidates into our school district and the teaching profession.

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