



# NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

## 2022 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

January 26, 2022 – 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 - UFT  
Michael Mulgrew  
President

4. New York State United Teachers - NYSUT  
Andrew Pallotta  
President

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**Panel B:**

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

6. Syracuse City School District  
Jaime Alicea  
Superintendent

7. Buffalo Public Schools  
Kriner Cash  
Superintendent

8. Rochester City School District  
Lesli Myers-Small  
Superintendent

9. Yonkers Public Schools  
Edwin Quezada  
Superintendent

10. Albany City School District  
Kaweeda Adams

Superintendent

11. Mount Vernon City School District

Kenneth Hamilton  
Superintendent

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**Panel C:**

12. 4201 Schools Association

Dr. Bernadette Kappen  
Co-Chair

13. The 853 Schools Coalition and the COFCCA

Kathleen Brady-Stepien  
President & CEO

14. Coalition of Special Act Schools

Stephen Beovich  
Vice President

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**Panel D:**

15. NYS Council of School Superintendents

Robert Lowry  
Deputy Director

16. Council of School Supervisors and Administrators

Mark Cannizzaro  
President

17. School Administrators Association of NYS

Cynthia E. Gallagher  
Director of Government Relations

18. NYS School Boards Association

Brian C. Fessler  
Director of Government Relations

19. ASBO New York

Brian S. Cechnicki  
Executive Director

20. New York State Parent Teacher Association

Kyle Blokopitsky  
Executive Director

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**Panel E:**

21. Alliance for Quality Education

Jasmine Gripper  
Executive Director

22. NYS Community Schools Network

Alli Lidie  
Network Lead

23. NYS Association of School Psychologists

Beth Rizzi  
President

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**Panel F:**

24. New York Charter School Association

Yomika Bennett  
Executive Director

25. Charter Parent Council	Jason Montanez Charter Parent
26. Success Academy Charter Schools	Edwin Cespedes Board Member
27. NYC Charter School Center	James Merriman CEO

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**Panel G:**

28. New York Library Association	Briana McNamee Dir. Govt. Relations and Advocacy
29. Bio Bus Inc	Ben Dubin-Thaler, Phd Executive Director, Founder
30. Literacy Rochester	Joshua Stapf Executive Director

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**Panel H:**

31. NYS School Facilities Association	Fred Koelbel Legislative Committee Co-Chair
32. New York School Bus Contractors Association	Nicholas Vallone President

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**Panel K:**

33. BOCES of New York State	Dan White Legislative Chair
34. Rural Schools Association of New York	David Little Executive Director
35. Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation	Andy Mager Organizer

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**Panel I:**

36. New York State Catholic Conference	James Cultrara Director of Education
37. Agudath Israel	Avrohom Weinstock Chief of Staff

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**Panel J:**

38. Advance Energy Economy

Ryan Gallentine  
Director

39. Lion Electric

Orville Thomas  
Director of Government Affairs

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