

**New York State Senate Standing Committees on Education and NYC Education Joint
Hearing on the Judith Kaye Solutions Not Suspensions Act (S1040)**

Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 1:00pm

Purpose: To examine school policies related to discipline and suspension, and hear from stakeholders about proposed legislation, S1040.

Panel 1

New York State Department of Education

Dr. Betty A. Rosa, Commissioner
Dr. Jim Baldwin, Senior Deputy
Commissioner for Education Policy
Angelique Johnson-Dingle, Deputy
Commissioner for P-12 Instructional Support
Kathleen DeCataldo, Assistant Commissioner
for Student Support Services

Panel 2

Center for Teen Empowerment

Victor Vega, Rochester Student

Make the Road New York

Niyo Gumbs, NYC Student
Cruz Soriano, NYC Student
Jocelyn Palafox Diaz, NYC Student
Elias Lopez, Long Island Student
Jeremy Argueta, Long Island Student
Alexandra Valera, NYC Student
Alexander Hernandez, NYC Student
Jessica Lucero, NYC Student
Nile Borja, NYC Student

Panel 3

New York State United Teachers

Melinda Person, President
Andrew Jordan, Teacher
Cordelia Anthony, Teacher and President of
Farmingdale Federation of Teachers

Panel 4

Conference of Big 5 School Districts

Jennifer Pyle, Executive Director

Empire State Supervisors & Administrators
Association

John W. Rickert, Principal of Niskayuna High
School

School Administrators Association of New York State

Dr. Gloria Jackson, Elementary Principal of the Brentwood Union Free School District
W. Charles Brandy, Director of the Buffalo City School District

Panel 5

New York State School Boards Association

Brian Fessler, Director of Governmental Relations

New York State Council of School Superintendents

Martha Group, President and Superintendent of Schools, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District
Bob Lowry, Deputy Director

Panel 6

Families Together in New York State

Isaiah Santiago, Board Member

New York Civil Liberties Union

Juan P. Migel, Programs Associate

Panel 7

The Children's Agenda

Carmen Torres, Parent Leadership Manager
Anissa Hines, Rochester City School District Parent

The Opportunity Institute

Dr. Winsome Waite, Senior Program Director

Panel 8

New York State Association for Behavior Analysis

Dr. Deborah Napolitano, NYS Licensed Behavior Analyst, and Assistant Professor at Daemen University

Parent

Valerie Alexander, Albany Resident

Advocate

Ina Ferguson, Buffalo Resident

Advocate

Esperanza Vasquez, New York City Resident

Roc/ACTS

Elizabeth Laidlaw, Member and Retired Rochester City School District Teacher