

# STAY INFORMED –

## IT'S UP TO YOU !!!!

Below are some important articles to keep you up to date with current educational issues. These issues will directly affect your job on a daily basis.

### **Randi Weingarten, Finnish teachers and administration discuss education**

**(video link below)**

Why are other nations outperforming U.S. public schools? Forty years ago, Finland decided to make fundamental changes in education and their students now outperform students from 43 other nations – including the United States, Germany and Japan – in mathematics, science and reading skills. They are also ranked top in economic competitiveness. The government used the expertise of those directly involved in education to create reform – the teacher unions and the educators were heard and created the blueprint for reform.

<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid20104044001?bckey=AQ~~,AAAAAC3mzbE~,dCIK-jAZidrn9DALadhTYIVeeZEollo6&bctid=822273381001>

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### **NYSUT UNITED – May 2011**

Why we defend collective bargaining: (p.8)

**Brief Summary:** This article speaks for itself. It is the heart and soul of public sector unions. Wisconsin started it and states all across the country have joined the easy fight. New York has also joined in against ending the rights of working men and women to stand together to negotiate with their employers a fair and equitable contract for all.

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### **NYSUT UNITED – May 2011**

Forging ahead on teacher eval (p. 12)

**Brief Summary:** Keep yourself updated on how the new teacher evaluation system will look. This article includes targeted dates for implementation. Please keep in mind that all facets of the new evaluation system is subject to collective bargaining. Can you imagine what it would look like if we didn't have a seat at the table?

**Useful FACEBOOK links for teachers**

NYSUT United (formerly known as NY Teacher) ---

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AFT – (American Federation of Teachers)

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NEA – (National Education Association)

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