

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.

NYSUT UNITED – June 2011

NYSUT blasts Regents: Breach of Trust: (p.5)

Brief Summary: The Board of Regents votes to approve regulations that would permit the option of using a single state test to account for 40% of a teacher's evaluation. This vote came at the 11th hour and caused outrage around the state. This action ignores the recommendations of the Regents' own task force.

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Where we stand on teacher evaluations (p. 7)

Brief Summary: Don't listen to what people are telling you! Read and stay up on the current position of NYSUT with regards to teacher evaluation.

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Over-reliance of tests full of pitfalls: (p.8)

Brief Summary: This article sums up what we already know about using test scores to evaluate teachers. Researchers collectively wrote a letter addressed to the NYS Board of Regents expressing their concerns about potentially 40% of a teacher's evaluation being based on test scores. They cite several reasons for potential pitfalls.

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APPR regulations poison 'spirit of collaboration': (p. 9)

Brief Summary: This article was composed by 8 prior NYS Teacher of the Year. They too speak specifically about the dangers of using test scores in such a definitive manner. Compromising collaboration among colleagues would be detrimental for true school improvement. Several stories from their schools are used as examples to support their point.

Useful FACEBOOK links for teachers

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