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2010

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PRIORITIES



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The future
of our children
is up to us!

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In New York State...

- Public education is facing a crisis.
- Resources are dwindling.
- Expectations are rising.

We can't afford business as usual!



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CEASE BUSINESS AS USUAL!

- **Oppose education cuts** to the 2010 state budget.
- Reject calls for a cap on school property taxes.
- **Don't shift costs** from the state or other municipalities onto local school property taxes.
- Increase federal public educational funding beyond the expiration of federal stimulus funding.
- **Prevent the misuse** of federal stimulus funds intended for public education.



LEAD, FOLLOW, OR GET OUT OF THE WAY!



- **Prohibit all new unfunded state mandates.**
- **Stop sweetening employee benefits through legislation** when they should be properly negotiated at the local level.
- **Create a local school district reserve fund** for TRS employer contributions.
- Allow amortization of employer pension cost increases.
- **Authorize reserve funds** for energy costs and tax stabilization.

RESPECT THE TAXPAYERS!

- Allow **cooperative purchasing** and increased collaboration with other municipalities.
- **Expand the BOCES system** to enable more shared services.
- **Repeal the Wicks Law** and the prevailing wage law.
- **Amend the Triborough Amendment** so that contracts extended beyond their expiration cost no more than their last year.
- Enable larger employee **health insurance rating pools** for all municipal and/or state governments.
- Let districts **purchase capital equipment under a contingency budget** when it is more cost-effective than repair.



RESCUE THE STUDENTS!



- Support legislation to **include student test scores** in teacher evaluations.
- Create a statewide student data system that includes **value-added analysis**.
- **Reform** the tenured **teacher discipline** system.

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About

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The New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) is 680 public school boards strong, including boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES). The collective

influence of 5,000 school board members, who constitute half the elected officials in the state, is harnessed through NYSSBA to benefit New York State's public schools.

NYSSBA provides advocacy, information, leadership development and custom services to school boards in support of their mission to govern the state's public schools and serve the interests of their local communities.



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