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NYSUT statement on governor's comments about reimagining education

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ALBANY, N.Y. May 5, 2020 – New York State United Teachers President Andy Pallotta released the following statement today regarding the governor's comments about reimagining education in New York:

“NYSUT believes in the education of the whole child. Remote learning, in any form, will never replace the important personal connection between teachers and their students that is built in the classroom and is a critical part of the teaching and learning process – which is why we've seen educators work so hard during this pandemic to maintain those connections through video chats, phone calls and socially distant in-person meetings. If we want to reimagine education, let's start with addressing the need for social workers, mental health counselors, school nurses, enriching arts courses, advanced courses and smaller class sizes in school districts across the state. Let's secure the federal funding and new state revenues through taxes on the ultrawealthy that can go toward addressing these needs. And let's recognize educators as the experts they are by including them in these discussions about improving our public education system for every student.”

New York State United Teachers is a statewide union with more than 600,000 members in education, human services and health care. NYSUT is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association and the AFL-CIO.

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