

President PHILIP RUMORE

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Sent via US Mail

Lily Eskelsen García, President
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RE: Disastrous National Implications of New York State Receivership Legislation

Dear Lily,

New York State Receivership legislation permits the Superintendent of Schools to request changes to our Collective Bargaining Agreement and allows the New York State Commissioner of Education to make changes (nullify) certain parts of that Collective Bargaining Agreement.

We, with NYSUT's assistance will be challenging sections of the Commissioner's decision on various grounds.

However, this legislation, if allowed to stand, has disastrous national ramifications.

Here we have legislation granting the Commissioner of Education with the power to make changes (nullify) section of a collective bargaining agreement.

If legislation is allowed to empower a Commissioner of Education to make changes (nullify) a collective bargaining agreement, why not a Commissioner of Police, Mayor, Fire Commissioner or anyone for that matter being granted such power?

NYSUT is providing excellent assistance; however, I wanted to make you aware of a precedent that could lead to the destruction of contracts in the continued effort to destroy unions.

Some of the information on this issue is on our website, www.btfny.org, see the Receivership tab.



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Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I wanted to provide you with my opinion of the importance of this fight for all unions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PR', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phil Rumore

P.S. A similar memo has been sent to President Randi Weingarten

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