



Honorary Committee

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NYSUT Leaders and Members:

We are proud to serve as the Honorary Reelection Committee and to endorse the reelection of Dick Iannuzzi for President, Maria Neira and Kathleen Donahue for Vice President and Lee Cutler for Secretary-Treasurer of NYSUT!

We have been involved in framing the NYSUT mission and vision from its inception. Along with many great unionists from across New York, we've watched our union grow and evolve in ways that place NYSUT at the forefront of the teacher union movement — in fact of the entire labor movement. Dick and his team have a vision that is inclusive of every constituency group and local regardless of region or size. They have made leaders feel and know that they are part of a union that cares about and advocates for every member. They understand that leadership is about making the tough choices in tough times to save our members' jobs, and about recalibrating our budgetary priorities and restructuring our organization to better meet our members' needs. They know that leadership is about leading and taking responsibility for decisions, not finger-pointing or scapegoating colleagues when times are hard.

Like each of us, the STRONGER TOGETHER team understands that a union best serves its members with a long-range strategy and vision that supports real change, but not change for the sake of change.

The future of NYSUT depends on a team whose vision looks toward the future with new ideas that engage a collective voice, and not one that seeks to look backwards and fails to recognize the value of every member. Dick, Maria, Kathleen and Lee have the vision and experience to lean into the future on your behalf, and that's why we are proud to actively provide our support.

In solidarity,

Thomas Y. Hobart, Jr.
President Emeritus

Antonia Cortese
Former NYSUT First Vice President