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## **NYSUT issues endorsements for 2020 federal, state elections**

**ALBANY, N.Y.** July 17, 2020 — New York State United Teachers today issued endorsements in general election races for state Legislature and recommended congressional candidates for endorsements by the union's national affiliates, the American Federation of Teachers and National Education Association.

The union's endorsements follow three days of deliberation by grassroots activists and local union leaders during NYSUT's biennial endorsement conference, held virtually for the first time due to the coronavirus pandemic. NYSUT's endorsements cover more than 200 races statewide.

The full slate of general election endorsements can be found [here](#).

“As cornerstones of our communities, government support for public schools, colleges and hospitals has never been more critical as we continue to weather the effects of the coronavirus pandemic,” NYSUT President Andy Pallotta said. “We need elected officials who will stand up for teachers, School-Related Professionals, medical professionals and those they serve, and we believe this slate of candidates can best deliver for the New Yorkers who will rely on them in the halls of power.”

NYSUT-endorsed candidates receive grassroots support from NYSUT members, including phone banking, door knocking and literature distribution. The union also makes financial contributions from voluntary donations through VOTE-COPE, the union's non-partisan political action committee.

*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.*