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**NYSUT: This is the year to fix broken teacher evaluation system**

**ALBANY, N.Y. Feb. 6, 2018** — In response to State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia's remarks today to the Assembly Education Committee on extending the moratorium on using standardized tests in teacher evaluations, New York State United Teachers issued the following statement:

"The state has had at least six years to listen to the voices of teachers and parents who are angry and frustrated with this broken teacher evaluation system. We don't need any more surveys or delays. This is the year to fix it. Evaluations must be returned to local control with no state mandates."

*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.*

