

Brian Moeller, Candidate for NYSUT Rep Assembly

I have worked at Calhoun High School for twelve of my seventeen years of teaching. I have been a building representative for most of that time. Last year I became the Head Building Rep at Calhoun. I am a proud member of the Long Island Opt-Out group, Lace to the Top and BATS. I spearheaded the Opt-Out advertisement that was put out by BMUST last year.

I believe that we are under attack by well-funded highly influential interest groups who are looking to destroy our profession and public education. The privatization of public education is all around us. The wealth of Long Island has, for the most part, protected us from the most severe abuses, however, we are seeing the beginning of serious changes like “receivership” of failing schools. Receivership occurs when the state takes over a school with poor test grades, opens up the contract and does whatever it wants...in the interest of the students, allegedly. I believe that NYSUT leadership has failed us. NYSUT has not fought hard enough to remove APPR and the Common Core standards. They have been co-opted by the corporate interests along with other “leaders” of teacher unions like Randi Weingarten. Their “seat at the table” approach has failed us. I want NYSUT leadership to take a stronger stand against abusive and punitive practices that Governor Cuomo and our state legislature has supported. For all of these reasons I want to represent BMUST and all members of NYSUT at this assembly.