

ESEA Reauthorization as a civil right

Whereas, the federal government approaches reauthorization of ESEA, the cornerstone of the federal presence in K-12 education, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that NYSUT affirms the strong positions of our national affiliates on the passing of legislation that affirms access to education as a profound and universal civil right. Such affirmation is vitally important now at a moment of unprecedented economic inequality. Access to a full, rich, and genuine education for all children is critical to the future of our nation; be it further

RESOLVED, in this context, we reaffirm NYSUT's commitment to teaching - not testing - as school's primary activity. As teachers, we have dedicated our lives to educational justice and to the belief that every child can learn. We strongly support accountability and high standards and this are best achieved by using flexible, teacher-developed assessments; be it further

RESOLVED, we call for legislation that protects our precious time with students and allows us to offer them a rich array of subjects- math, art, music, world languages, physical education, science, English, social studies, technology, library science, family and consumer science- that will help them to lead meaningful and productive lives.