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UNITING THE LABOR FORCE

PROTECTING PUBLIC EDUCATION

SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENT IN CEASELESS FIGHT



In October, **UFT/UNITY** delivers the next installment of the 18 percent raise that they negotiated with Mayor de Blasio – a lump-sum payment of 12.5 percent of the amount that members accrued between 2009 and 2015.

Winning a contract that boosts the beginning salary to \$56,700 and the top salary to nearly \$120,000 by 2018 took persistence, courage and vision.

For five dark years Mayor Bloomberg refused to talk while undermining the school system to benefit of his hedge-fund, privatizing pals. He purposely emptied the city's labor reserve fund, leaving his successor with scant resources to settle contracts.

Through it all, Michael Mulgrew and the Unity Team kept UFT members united in the struggle for recognition, dignity and respect. When **UFT/UNITY** finally had someone in City Hall to talk with, they produced a contract that made members whole.

And they did so without losing any of the rights and benefits that have been under attack across the country.

UFT/UNITY has preserved sick leave, assured equal pay for equal work and safeguarded the right to bargain collectively. **UFT/UNITY** prevented raids on our pension funds and cuts to pension payments, like those that devastated Detroit retirees. And **UFT/UNITY** expanded members' voice in the school system.

Persistence.

Courage.

Vision.

Michael Mulgrew and the Unity Team.



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