



Support the Alliance of Retired and In-Service Educators (ARISE) in the UFT Elections!

From Tier I to Tier VI We are UNITED in Our VISION to TRANSFORM the UFT

Who We Are:

- **ARISE** is a coalition of in-service and retired UFT members fighting together to transform our union to make it more democratic and responsive to our members.
- We bring decades of experience in bettering conditions for NYC educators.
- Composed of three major UFT caucuses, all open for any UFT member to join.

We Are Fighting for:

Fair Pay for ALL UFT Members

- Ensure fair pay for all educators and raises that outpace inflation
- Higher pay and yearly raises for paraprofessionals
- End backroom contract deals and mobilize for the 2027 contract negotiations

Better Working Conditions

- More school counselors, social workers, librarians, nurses and secretaries in every school
- Teacher control over curriculum
- Protection for probationary teachers, preventing unjust firings by abusive principals
- 12 weeks of paid family leave

Improved Healthcare

- Stop increasing copays and other healthcare givebacks
- Use the Welfare Fund surplus to improve member benefits
- Advocate for single-payer laws like the New York Health Act to permanently solve our healthcare crisis

We invite you to join our campaign and fight for a better tomorrow in the UFT.



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Announcing:



The **ARISE** Candidates!

For President: Olivia Swisher



Every day as UFT members we wake up and serve our school communities because, at our core, we believe in a bright and hopeful future for all NYC public school students and their families. Despite challenges like the pandemic, climate disasters, and budget cuts, we continue to create vibrant and supportive learning communities for every student. We're overworked, micromanaged, and undervalued, but we give our best because our students deserve it. We deserve a union that fights for our rights, dignity, and the future of education.

I am a third-generation teacher, Chapter Leader at MS 821 Sunset Park Prep, and was a member of the 2023 Contract Negotiations Committee. I am humbled and honored to run for UFT President as part of ARISE. It's time for us, working educators, to lead our union. We know that our working conditions are our students' learning conditions, and when we fight for ourselves, we fight for the future of our students and the profession we love.

We can build a stronger, more just union that stands up for all of us.
Let's transform our union—together.

For Secretary: Michael Shulman



I was a UFT Chapter Leader and Delegate for 20 years at Bushwick HS and Fort Hamilton HS, represented high school teachers for many terms on the UFT Executive Board, and was UFT Vice-President of Academic High Schools from 1985-1987. Currently, I am vice chair leader of the Retired Teacher chapter and represent the insurgent anger of many retirees who are upset about the union leadership's long campaign to force privatized Medicare "Advantage" onto retirees. Retired UFTers and in-service members are seeing major attacks against our living and working conditions. Only by standing together can we beat back the threats to our health benefits and our autonomy as educators. ARISE combines the experience and the know-how to address these and other concerns effectively.

For Assistant Secretary: Aixa Rodríguez



WE. ARE. THE. UNION.

I am an ENL/Spanish teacher and a UFT Delegate at Motion Picture Tech, a CTE school in Queens, an education activist from the Bronx, and an ally/accomplice to parent and student activists. I have worked closely with parent and student activists for decades.

Our working conditions are the conditions our students are forced to learn under. Buildings and facilities are in disrepair, our healthcare is under threat, there is a lack of recess/playspace, safety and support, lack of staffing, and inequities in pay are impacting us all.

We are tired of being gaslighted and marginalized and sold out.