

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS by its X
President ANDREW PALLOTTA; :
UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, LOCAL 2 :
by its President MICHAEL MULGREW; ROBERT :
HUNTER SCHOENFELD; and EDWIN K. BRADLEY, :
:

Petitioners-Plaintiffs, :

-against- :

STATE OF NEW YORK; STATE UNIVERSITY OF :
NEW YORK; KRISTINA M. JOHNSON, as Chancellor of :
the State University of New York; STATE UNIVERISTY :
OF NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES; H. CARL :
MCCALL, as Chairman of the State University of New :
York Board of Trustees; STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW :
YORK CHARTER SCHOOLS INSTITUTE; STATE :
UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF :
TRUSTEES' CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMITTEE; :
JOSEPH W. BELLUCK, as Chair of the State University :
of New York Board of Trustees' Charter Schools :
Committee, :

Respondents-Defendants. :

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**AFFIDAVIT OF
FELICIA GRACE**

STATE OF NEW YORK)
ss.:
COUNTY OF KINGS)

FELICIA GRACE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the mother of M.D., a ninth grade student a the United Federation of Teachers Charter School in Brooklyn, New York ("UFT Charter School"), which is authorized to operate as a charter school by the State University of New York. I am also a newly-elected member of the school's Board of Directors.

2. I respectfully make this affidavit in support of Petitioners'-Plaintiffs' Motion to Amend the Verified Petition-Complaint and in support of the Amended Verified Petition-

Complaint. I am familiar with the facts set forth below and make this affidavit based upon my personal experience.

3. Highly qualified teachers are a critical feature in every classroom and they are essential to student achievement. I believe that all students are entitled to the same high quality instruction.

4. I am dismayed that the State University of New York would pass a regulation that would permit charter schools, such as the UFT Charter School, to hire teachers who are not certified by the State of New York.

5. I do not want my child to be taught by a teacher who has had less training and less practical experience than one who has completed the more rigorous process required by the State of New York. Such a teacher cannot provide the same level of instruction and that threatens to have a direct negative impact on his achievement. It is this injury that I seek to redress on behalf of my son in this proceeding.


FELICIA GRACE

Sworn to before me this
9th day of February, 2018



Notary Public

VICTOR A. RIVERA
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01RI6314744
Qualified in Bronx County
Commission Expires Nov. 17, 2018