Now, more than ever, your voice needs to be heard!

The Committee on Political Education (COPE) is the UFT’s committee to ensure that public educators’ needs and goals are represented in the political arena. The funds collected go directly toward helping educate and elect officeholders who support public education, respect our members and work for union goals.

With COPE, we advance legislation and policies that strengthen our membership, protect public education and safeguard our rights; and we support public officials who get things done for public school students, parents and UFT members.

**Important:** COPE is entirely funded by voluntary contributions. We do not use any union dues money for political action.

*By supporting candidates who support public educators, we have been able to:*

- Secure landmark state legislation that will lower class sizes in New York City by a third over the next five years.
- Win paid parental leave for public school educators.
- Implement Tier VI pension reform to reduce the vesting period from 10 to five years.

**No contribution is too small**

While many members contribute between $3 and $5 per pay period, no contribution is too small in supporting the issues that matter to educators.

For assistance, contact your chapter leader or Melody Rondinelli, the UFT’s COPE coordinator, at MRondinelli@uft.org.

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