

North Warren Central School District Stands With NYSUT To Send The Message That “The Proposed Cuts To Foundation Aid Can Not Go Through.”

The New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) visited North Warren Central School District on March 12 to understand how current programs and staffing could be jeopardized if the Governor’s draft budget is not changed. NYSUT is using the information garnered from school visits across New York to demonstrate with clear data that the Governor’s proposed cuts are detrimental to programs. Currently North Warren, along with over 50% of schools in New York State, are slated to take huge cuts in Foundation Aid.

The NYSUT visit included a round table discussion with members of the North Warren administrative team, North Warren Teacher’s Association, the North Warren Board of Education, the North Warren PTO and NYSUT Secretary-Treasurer, J. Phillippe Abraham and Labor Relations Specialist, Ross Lieblich.

One thing that was clear in the discussions is that North Warren takes immense pride in its facilities and programs, including all the specials and electives that are offered as well as its extracurricular activities and athletics program.

“We are a Cougar Family. We are proud of our family atmosphere and personal connections throughout the District”, said Superintendent Michele French.

“We have an incredibly dedicated and supportive team at North Warren. We have countless current members of our staff who are community members, graduates of the district, and have children attending the school. We are extremely proud of our staff and our programs. Any Foundation Aid cuts that affect either people or programs would ultimately impact student success”, added Superintendent Michele French.

Chris Lail, the district’s business official said, “The loss of Foundation Aid will impact our District across the board. Our aid has been projected to be cut by approximately 25%. A loss in revenue of that magnitude would cause programs to be cut and newer staff to be let go. That is the last thing we want to see happen. We have made great progress in addressing learning loss since COVID and supporting students in building key foundational skills, especially reading and math. We do not want to lose ground in those areas.”

Other areas that could be affected by the proposed cuts would include elective and upper-level courses, and AP programming. Additionally, our “After-School” help rooms and Career and Technical Education programs may need to be limited. All extracurricular activities and transportation costs would also have to be reviewed and potentially reduced.

NYSUT heard the district’s concerns and indicated that they will continue to advocate on the district's behalf. NYSUT was impressed with North Warren and its strong sense of community.

The district will continue to advocate for no decrease in Foundation Aid. North Warren encourages the community to express their support by writing to remind the Governor to **put our STUDENTS in New York State first!**

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