NYSUT 2024 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES OF FOCUS: BUDGET

- 1. Foundation Aid: Properly Funding Our Schools
- 2. Fighting Childhood Poverty
- 3. Expand the Community School Model
- 4. The New Deal for Higher Education: Support SUNY, CUNY, & Community Colleges
- 5. Fix Tiers 5 & 6
- 6. BOCES, Career & Technical Education and Special Services Aid
- 7. Support Professional Learning
- 8. Ensuring Staff and Services at Special Schools to Maintain Staffing Levels

NYSUT 2024 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES OF FOCUS: POLICY

- 1. Protecting Students & Educators From Extreme Heat in Schools
- 2. Fixing APPR
- 3. Replacing the Receivership System
- 4. Charter Schools
- 5. Reforming IDAs (Industrial Development Agencies)
- 6. Reforming the Property Tax Cap

In addition to the above issues there are 13 separate proposed retiree resolutions that are going to be discussed and debated at the RA.

It was brought to our attention that Gov. Hochul is going to put forth a resolution in the New York State 2025 budget to eliminate the reimbursement for the IRMMA (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount). The IRMMA is a surcharge that people with income above a certain amount must pay in addition to their Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) and Part D (Prescription Drug Plan) premiums. The IRMMA is based on the income on your tax return two years prior. For 2024 the amounts are \$103,000 for an individual filing return and \$206,00 for a joint filing return. If your earnings are below this threshold, IRMMA doesn't apply to you.

We are asking for EVERYONE TO TAKE ACTION AND LET OUR STATE LEGISLATORS KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS!

Go to the NYSUT Member Action Center at: <u>https://mac.nysut.org</u> Under ALL ACTIONS Health & Safety Issues Retirees Deserve Dignity: Take Action Against Proposed Elimination of IRMMA

When you fill in all the spaces, with your approval and signature, letters will automatically be sent to your specific elected officials in New York State.

This issue is extremely important to all of us that the IRMMA applies to ... please take action today!