

A message from CSEA Central Region President Colleen Wheaton:



*CSEA member Lateesha Grimes, who works at SUNY Upstate Medical University, will never quit on our union!*

## **PUBLIC WORKERS WILL REMAIN STRONG DESPITE ANTI-UNION SUPREME COURT DECISION**

### *CSEA: Attempt to silence working people will not succeed*

Now that the corporate-backed Supreme Court decision on public sector union funding has unfortunately been decided in favor of the anti-union interests, it's time for workers to surge forward.

While some are busy forecasting the end of the Labor Movement, we disagree. In fact, the timing is ripe for our country to witness a rebirth and strengthening of organized workers versus organized wealth.

In New York, we've already seen union members strongly affirm their belief in their union and had thousands of conversations with CSEA members who have pledged to never quit on each other or the protections, security and collective power they gain by belonging to our union. They recognize the value they receive from their membership.

Our State Government leaders have similarly recognized that strong unions benefit all New Yorkers, and have taken important measures to ensure that no one who quits their union gets a "free ride." Quitting will have consequences, and those choosing to quit will no longer reap the same benefits, protections and representation as those who continue to support their unions.

Our members recognize there is no such thing as a free lunch, and given the choice, they are choosing to remain strong. They will stick with our union because unions help workers get a fair return on their work, provide better access to health benefits, improve workplace safety, and retire with dignity.

These are things that should matter to everyone. We will not stand idly by while wealthy corporate interests try to rig the system to take away our ability to improve the lives of all New Yorkers. We will urge all our members to stay union and stay strong.

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