

Michael Mulgrew Biography

Michael Mulgrew is president of the United Federation of Teachers, a union whose 200,000 members including New York City public school educators, family child-care providers, nurses and others. He has led the union's efforts to transform education in the city and is recognized as a national leader in promoting labor-community collaboration. Mulgrew mobilized a diverse coalition of public- and private-sector organizations to create the Community Learning Schools Initiative. Schools in the project work with partner agencies to respond to the social, health and educational needs of students' families and communities as a way of enhancing children's achievement and opportunities. Mulgrew also worked with the Department of Education to launch the landmark PROSE initiative (Progressive Redesign Opportunity Schools for Excellence), which empowers teachers and schools to redesign their school program to better meet students' needs. Mulgrew spent 12 years as a classroom teacher at William E. Grady HS in Brooklyn, where he served as UFT chapter leader.