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**NYSUT: State must stop computer-based testing immediately**

**ALBANY, N.Y.** April 3, 2019 — New York State United Teachers released the following statement today regarding the state’s plan to resume computer-based testing following widespread failures in the system earlier in this week:

“In 2018, students, parents and educators were assured that the failures of New York’s computer-based test system for grades 3–8 would not be repeated. This week, we found out that assurance was hollow as testing quickly deteriorated into a chaotic, stressful situation for the entire school community. A stop-gap corrective action plan is far from the significant overhauls that must be made to restore any semblance of trust in the state testing system. Computer-based testing must be halted, and not only should Questar be held accountable for this debacle, the state must be as well.”

*New York State United Teachers is a statewide union with more than 600,000 members in education, human services and health care. NYSUT is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association and the AFL-CIO.*