



Hot Topics in Education: What You Need to Know Now to Support Children

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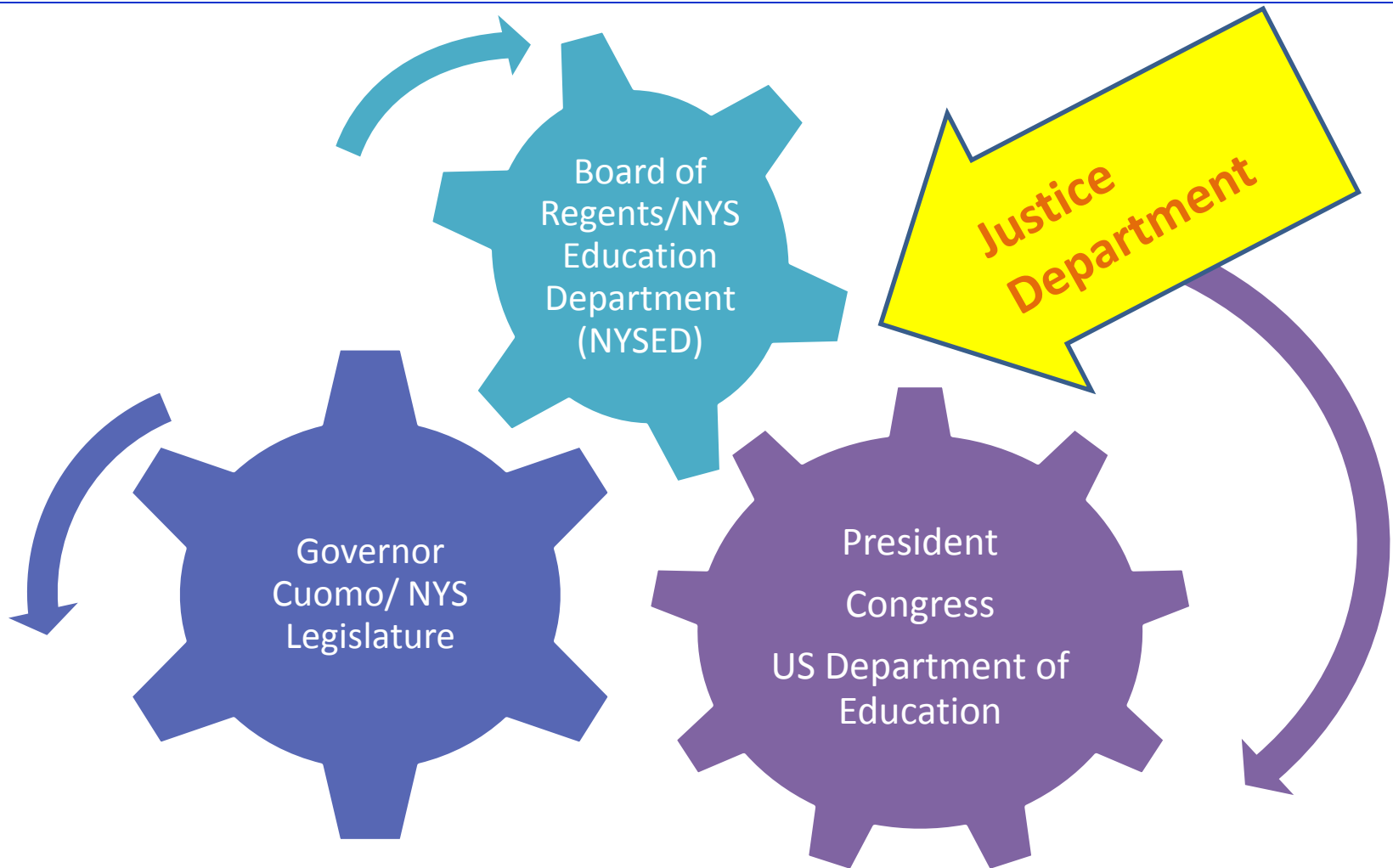
Session Goals

What changes are our schools and students facing?

How have decisions by policymakers affected classrooms?

How can you as an educator or parent make a difference and be heard?

Layers of Education Law, Policy, Regulation



State to School Policy Layers

Law

**Board
Policy**

**Regulation/
Guidance**

Regulation

Reporting

**Procedures/
Documentation**



Curriculum

Professional
Development

Special
Programs

Standards

Instruction

Assessment



Federal Issues

- [PTA #Stop Cuts to Classrooms](#)
 - ESSA/Title \$
 - Medicaid Reimbursement
 - Child Nutrition \$
- [US DOE Rescinds 72 Special Education Guidance Documents](#)
- [PTA Key Legislation](#)

Likely Legislative Issues

- School Aid
- Tax Cap
- ELL Support
- Charter Schools
- Back Door Vouchers
- Struggling Schools
- APPR
- Mental Health for Students
- Restorative Justice
- CTE/Pathways
- Heroin/Opioid Support



Recent Regents Issues

- Budgets/Medicaid/Titles
- [NY ESSA Plan](#)
- [Learning Standards](#)
- [Diploma Requirements/Pathways](#)
- [Career and Technical Education](#) (CTE)
- [APPR](#)
- [Teachers and Students Displaced by Hurricanes](#)
- [Assessments](#)
- [Student Data Privacy](#)
- [2018-19 State Aid Proposal](#)
- [Certification of Educators and School Leaders](#)
- [My Brothers Keeper](#)
- [SUNY TeachNY](#)
- Vouchers, Charters, Private Schools
- Office of Family and Community Engagement
- [English Language Learners](#)
- 180 – day Workgroup

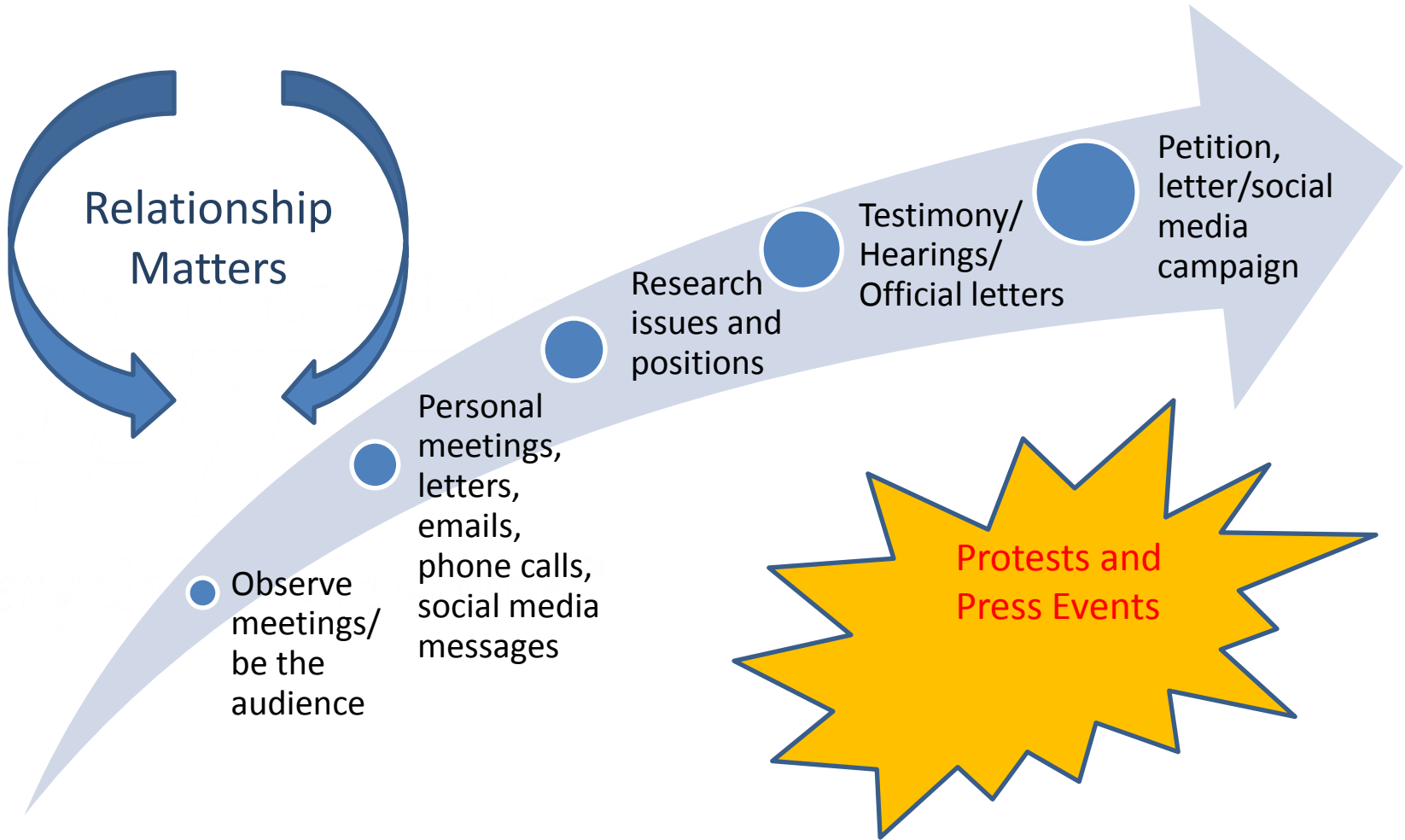
New State Standards

Next Generation ELA

Next Generation Math

NYS Learning Standards for the Arts

Methods of Influence



PTA ADVOCACY STRATEGY CHART

Advocacy is the cornerstone of PTA's mission. In order to achieve your advocacy goals at any level, it is important to have a strategic plan. This chart poses the right questions in the right order and serves as a particularly useful tool for group discussions, as it maintains focus to the issue at hand. Use this chart as a guide to developing your strategy and revisit it to check your progress.

Goals	Organizational Considerations	Constituents, Allies, Opponents	Targets	Tactics

Traditional NY Advocates

- **NYSSBA – Tim Kremer & Julie Marlette**
- **Big 5 – Georgia Ascutto & Jennifer Pyle**
- **NYSCOSS – Chuck Dedrick & Bob Lowry**
- **NYASBO – Mike Borges**
- **SAANYS – Kevin Casey & Cindy Gallagher**
- **NYSUT – Andy Palotta & Chris Black**
- **UFT – Michael Mulgrew**
- **Rural Schools – David Little**
- **Board of Regents**

Other Players

- **Charter Schools**
- **Private/Parochial Schools – Jim Cultrara**
- **Advocates for Children**
- **Alliance for Quality Education – Billy Easton**
- **NYSAN – Kelly Sturgis, Allie Liddle**
- **Education Trust – Ian Rosenblum**
- **Educators4Excellence – Evan Stone**
- **Variety of Social Media Groups**
- **ALEC**