

Michael Mulgrew

Mr. Mulgrew became the fifth president of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) in August 2009 and was elected to a full term by the UFT membership in April 2010.

A staunch advocate for equality in education and fairness for all working families, Mr. Mulgrew has led advocacy campaigns for educational equity, for transparency and oversight in school governance as well as for jobs and city services. He was instrumental in organizing the Keep the Promises, One New York: Fighting for Fairness and A Strong Economy for All coalitions between 2008 and 2011 that led to the restoration of hundreds of millions of classroom dollars and city services.

Mr. Mulgrew is vice president of the American Federation of Teachers and an executive board member of the New York State United Teachers. Mr. Mulgrew also sits on the boards of the Council for Unity, CUNY's Joseph S. Murphy Center for Labor, Community, & Policy Studies, and New Visions for Public Schools. He has received numerous labor, education and public service honors, including the 2011 NAACP Benjamin L. Hooks Keeper of the Flame award.

Prior to being the UFT president, Mr. Mulgrew served as vice president for Career & Technical Education high schools and later chief operating officer of the union, which represents 200,000 teachers, guidance counselors, paraprofessionals and other personnel in New York City's public schools, along with nurses and home day care providers.

A Staten Island native, Mr. Mulgrew attended CUNY's College of Staten Island and has degrees in English literature and special education.