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**Statement by Thomas W. Carroll,
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on the United Federation of Teachers' "Hit Job" on Charter Schools**

"The UFT's Michael Mulgrew – lacking Randi Weingarten's subtlety – has proposed a complete gutting of charter schools in New York," observed Thomas W. Carroll, president of the Foundation for Education Reform & Accountability. "This is not an effort to 'reform' charter schools. This is an effort to kill them off through a death by a thousand cuts."

Carroll added, "The UFT is risking hundreds of millions of federal education dollars because they are more interested in executing a political hit job on charter schools. Astonishingly irresponsible."

Carroll noted that the UFT had proposed mandatory automatic unionization of all charter schools, elimination of SUNY as an authorizer, an admissions "quota" system, imposing government controls over wages, and "the imposition of numerous measures to make the more successful charter schools operate more like unsuccessful district schools."

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