For over 40 years, we have been a guiding light for NYC educators. When the craft of teaching changed overnight, the UFT Teacher Center showed our educators how to adapt and succeed every step of the way.

Award-winning embedded professional development tailored to each school’s unique needs.

- Research-based and proven effective for over 40 years
- Integrates Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education (CRSE)
- Retains new teachers in our system
- Develops teacher leaders, grows instructional capacity
- Supports National Board candidates
- Sponsors Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) hours
- Aligns curriculum to Next Generation Learning Standards (NGLS)
- Focuses on the needs of students with disabilities and multilingual learners

In a time of unprecedented need, principals at all 115 embedded Teacher Center schools elected to retain our support.

We are focused on what NYC educators, students and parents need most right now.

Technology Support
Ensuring educators and students have the training and skills to use available online tools and platforms.

Remote Teaching Skills
Improving educator techniques to meet the needs of diverse learners with remote and blended instruction.

Social Emotional Support
Fostering the wellbeing of teachers and students while promoting safe and inclusive school environments.
Our expert staff and in-school teams have been pivotal in the transition to remote and blended instruction.

- Launched a hotline to provide technical support to thousands of panicked educators
- Held virtual workshops for educators on setting up and maintaining Google Classroom
- Trained educators on using Google Suite, including Jamboard, to increase student engagement
- Developed remote instructional lessons aligned with the Next Generation Learning Standards for educators
- Held virtual workshops for parents and guardians on supporting student learning at home
- Provided social and emotional support and training to address student, educator, and family trauma
- Helped multilingual learners and students with disabilities use accessibility features
- Explored partnerships with technology companies to improve support and training
- Provided school based professional learning on technology integration with content instruction
- Launched Saturday Student Academies across the city to provide free engaging virtual activities for students at all grade levels
- Held 10 virtual professional learning sessions during the summer and again in the fall to meet the remote learning needs of educators
- Provided in-classroom support for blended learning

“...teachers who were once scared of technology, now feel empowered to engage [with their students] on Google Meet...and comfortable modeling with these tools and teaching their students.”

– UFT Teacher Center Coach

Priorities for 2021 and beyond

- Expand professional learning that advances educator skills for remote and blended instruction
- Help teachers integrate standards-based content with newly learned digital tools
- Expand offerings for paraprofessionals across the city
- Continue incorporating CRSE to engage all learners
- Develop partnerships with technology companies to better support remote learning and training
- Create opportunities to collaborate with all stakeholders to identify our schools’ most pressing needs
- Continue supporting the rollout of the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards
- Prepare educators across grade levels to address unfinished learning caused by the challenges of the past year

*In a 2020 UFT Teacher Center survey, 96% of all participating educators reported an improvement in classroom instruction following our training

For more information on the UFT Teacher Center and its immense impact on New York City’s public schools, visit ufttc.org.