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Yesterday, about 100 UUPers joined with PSC/CUNY, UFT, FIT, NYSUT, and dozens of community activists, parents, and students to initiate a combined campaign to "Protect Public Higher Education in NY." The rally started at Hunter College with spirited chants, supported by an ad hoc drum corps. We then marched to Central Park, where a number of speakers (including myself) spoke about the need to protect education. The parents, students and community members gave very inspiring and compelling stories about the importance of public education. More than 300 people were there despite the threat of rain...which certainly didn't dampen our spirits!

Thanks to all who came and supported the rally! Joining me were UUP officers, VPA John Marino, and Treasurer Rowena Blackman-Stroud. NYSUT officers there included Alan Lubin and Maria Neira. We were all supported by many UUP and NYSUT staffers.

Our UUP Chapter "Honor Roll" included members from; Brooklyn HSC, Farmingdale, Old Westbury, Stony Brook East, Stony Brook West, and Purchase.

My thanks again to all who took the time to press our message...."Public Higher Education IS the future of NY."

In Union....

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