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State University of New York council to improve teacher prep

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — New York's public university system has convened an advisory council to improve the way teachers are trained.

State University of New York Chancellor Nancy Zimpher says the TeachNY council will develop broad new policy focused on supporting teachers throughout their careers, from the curricula they take as students on SUNY campuses to continued training on the job.

Zimpher says the council will work with teacher and faculty unions, and make its recommendations in June.

The undertaking is being funded by federal Race to the Top money awarded to SUNY from the New York State Education Department.

SUNY has teacher and school leader programs at 17 campuses and educates nearly 25 percent of New York's certified teachers.

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