

Catalina Fortino Biography

Catalina R. Fortino is a nationally recognized expert in professional development, curriculum, assessments and program development in the teaching profession and has distinguished herself among the educators who specialize in school reform for high-needs schools.

A NYSUT vice president since April 2014, Fortino was the vice president for education and the editor of the United Federation of Teachers' Teacher Center.

Before turning her focus to professional development and the Teacher Center, Fortino was an early childhood teacher, a teacher of bilingually childhood special education and a bilingual educational evaluator.

She has been the chair of the NYSUT Bilingual Committee of Practitioners, the co-chair of the New York State Professional Standards and Practice Board for Teaching, a member of the New York State Committee of Title I Practitioners and a member of the American Federation of Teachers English Language Learners Taskforce.

Fortino has a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education and a master's degree in special education and bilingual education from Queens College. She also studied curriculum development at Teachers College.