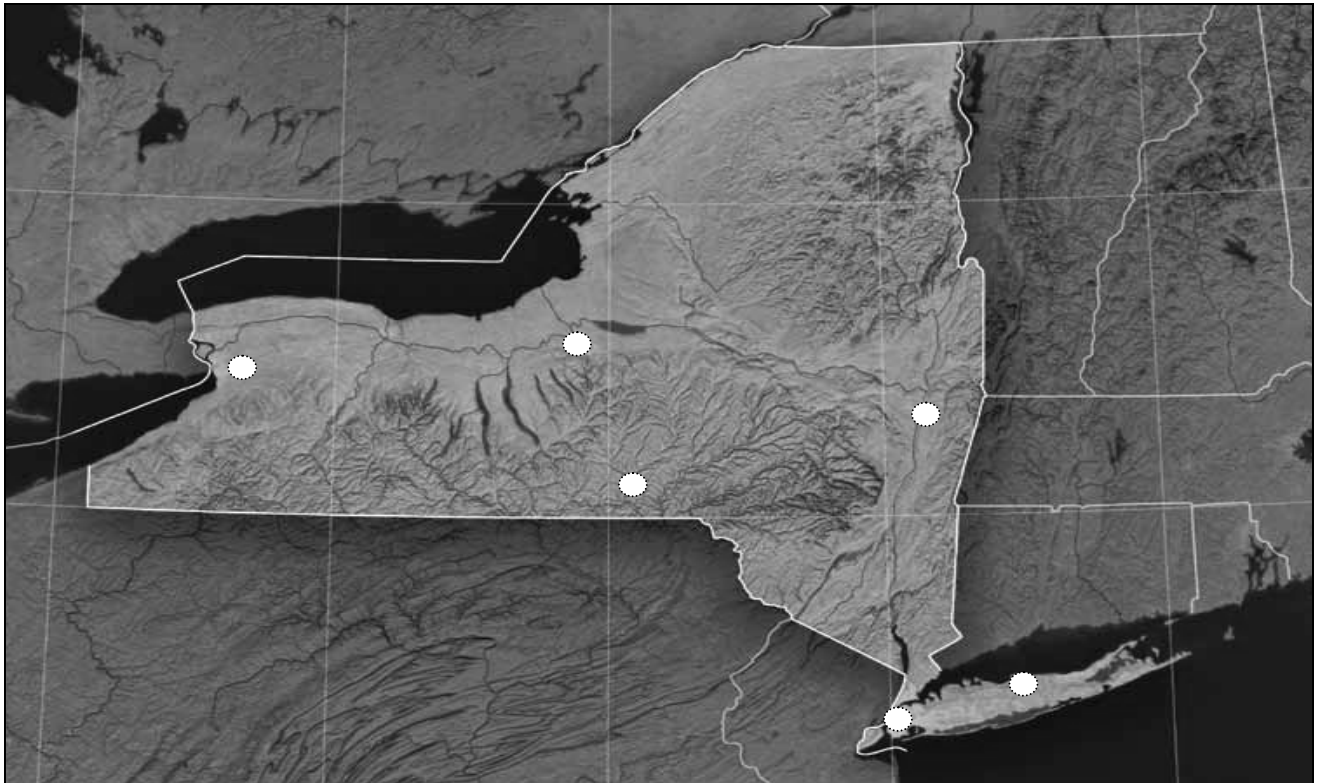


Where's Cortland on SUNY's PHEEIA map?



The map above is the centerpiece of a SUNY brochure promoting the Public Higher Education Empowerment Act (PHEEIA). The brochure focuses on the university centers at Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, and Stony Brook as well as Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse and Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn.

You can see the full brochure at http://www.buffalo.edu/ubbelievers/files/Advocacy_Summary.pdf

How will PHEEIA affect Cortland and the rest of the SUNY campuses not shown on the map?

See reverse for an outline of UUP's concerns and go to www.uupinfo.org for more information and to take action.

SUNY'S MISSION

“The mission of the state university system shall be to provide the people of New York educational services of the highest quality, with the broadest possible access, fully representative of all segments of the population in a complete range of academic, professional and vocational postsecondary programs...”

—State Education Law

WHAT'S IN PHEEIA FOR CORTLAND AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES?

Consider the following as you think about this question:

- ◆ PHEEIA reflects a “flagship” model that runs counter to SUNY’s mission. Cortland and the other comprehensive colleges and technical institutions are marginal to the plan.
- ◆ PHEEIA relies on tuition as the main source of revenue growth. How will Cortland fare over the long run if our tuition levels get closer to the tuition of private institutions, especially given the extensive scholarships privates can offer?
- ◆ **Should SUNY be privatized?**

PHEEIA will transform the nature of our public university system through the following major changes in the relationship between SUNY and the public:

- > Tuition would be taken “off budget,” which will hasten the decline in state support for SUNY institutions.
- > Tuition would no longer be restricted to supporting the academic mission of colleges/universities.
- > State oversight for leasing campus properties and entering into public-private partnerships would be substantially reduced.
- > The State would be freed from funding salary increases and covering fringe benefits.
- > Contracts for service and leases would be removed from State Comptroller or Attorney General oversight, potentially allowing outsourcing and use of non-union labor that is not subject to prevailing wage.
- > Outside agencies could build or lease property for purposes not related to SUNY’s academic mission on SUNY land – just to avoid paying property taxes.

SUNY'S PHEEIA “SPIN” – ARE YOU DIZZY YET?

- ◆ SUNY claims that PHEEIA will generate \$8.5 billion in **non-state funding** for construction over the next 10 years but has not provided requested analysis and documentation to support this assertion. Where will that money come from?
- ◆ SUNY claims that PHEEIA will produce **non-state revenue** (\$1 billion) to support 10,000 new campus jobs over the next 10 years. The only way this could happen is to double tuition.
- ◆ PHEEIA has been promoted as a way to expand public-private partnerships that could be lucrative for the university, but many such ventures have cost SUNY substantial money and are a drain on the university’s resources.

UUP'S POSITION ON PHEEIA

While UUP supports PHEEIA’s proposals for elimination of preapproval of goods and increases in operational efficiencies through changes in procurement policies, it opposes the overarching intent of the legislation, which is to further privatize and divide our state university system.



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