

NY State PTA proposal to ban GMOs in schools ‘contrary to science, common sense’

When it holds its annual meeting in November in Saratoga Springs, [New York State Parent Teacher Association] NYSPTA will vote on a resolution urging the state to ban all food and drinks that contain “GMOs” from school cafeterias and vending machines. This proposal is contrary to science and common sense.

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Every reputable scientific body and regulatory agency that has examined these methods — from the [National Academies](#) of Science and the [American Medical Association](#) to the U.S. [Environmental Protection Agency](#) and World Health Organization — has declared them as safe as older techniques. ... Some in NYSPTA beg to differ. Using language and absurd allegations that appear to be lifted wholesale from anti-genetic engineering websites...

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Of course, this idea of schools going GMO-free, or even organic, isn’t new. Food-faddists can point to the Sausalito-Marín City [school district](#), which now only serves organic and “GMO-free food.” The problem is that Marin County is full of high-tech billionaires. ... Even they couldn’t afford to make the change to organic without huge subsidies from Whole Foods and other private donors...

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