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NYS School Superintendents Congratulate State Education Leaders on Race to the Top Win

“Today’s news that New York is among the winning states for federal Race to the Top funding will give an otherwise unobtainable boost to our efforts to improve learning opportunities for all schoolchildren.

“The federal grant will help our state to update and improve the foundations of our education system – standards, assessments, curriculum, training for teachers and school leaders, data systems to track student progress, and programs to turn-around chronically struggling schools.

“Given the state’s budget woes, there is no way this crucial work could proceed without the help from Washington. With it, we will be able to better ensure that our schools are giving all students the skills and knowledge they will need to thrive in life beyond school.

“We congratulate Board of Regents Chancellor Merryl Tisch and Commissioner David Steiner for their leadership of our state’s successful effort. The application they developed won widespread endorsement from education leaders across New York. Over 90 percent of the state’s school districts submitted agreements signed by their superintendents supporting the state’s application.”

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