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Statewide Superintendents Council Commends Board of Regents for Proposing to Extend Moratorium on Use of State Growth Scores in Teacher and Principal Evaluations

ALBANY – The New York State Council of School Superintendents today commended the Board of Regents Chancellor Betty Rosa and the State Education Department for proposing to extend for one year the moratorium on the use of state test-based growth scores in teacher and principal evaluations – Annual Professional Performance Reviews, or APPR.

Council Executive Director Charles Dedrick said, “APPR is a unique initiative. It affects every classroom in every school in every district of the state. So it affects every student. Each time there are changes, they threaten to disrupt teaching and learning in all our schools and for all our students.”

Dedrick explained that there have been three rounds of significant changes to APPR since 2009 – in 2010, 2012, and 2015, and the current growth score moratorium was adopted after problems were quickly identified with the 2015 law.

Dedrick added, “The Regents and State Education Department have launched a well-designed and inclusive process for developing improvements in the evaluation system. We should take the time, this time, to be sure we finally are making changes that actually will support better teaching, school leadership, and, most of all, student achievement.”

The current moratorium, in place since 2015-16, is due to expire after this school year.

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The New York State Council of School Superintendents is a professional and advocacy organization with over a century of service to school superintendents and assistant superintendents in New York State. The Council provides more than 800 members with professional development opportunities, publications and personal support while advocating for public education and the superintendency.