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Statement of NYS Superintendents Council on Teacher Evaluation Disclosure

ALBANY – “We commend Governor Cuomo and Legislators for adopting a pragmatic resolution to the teacher evaluation disclosure issue,” said Robert Reidy, executive director of the New York State Council of School Superintendents.

Reidy added, “The bill proposed by the Governor and approved by both houses today will give the general public ample information about teacher performance at the school and district level, while enabling parents to learn how their children’s actual teachers have been evaluated.”

“At the same time,” Reidy noted, “the Governor’s proposal avoids some of the more cumbersome aspects of earlier bills which would have imposed excessive demands on parents and school principals.”

Earlier proposals would have required parents to request evaluation results through a Freedom of Information Law request and arrange a private meeting with the principal.

Reidy concluded, “The new evaluation procedures schools are working to implement now are complicated and demanding. They are creating uncertainty and even anxiety among some of the people working in our schools. Especially in this first year run-through, unlimited release of the evaluations would have distracted from reaching our real goal – improving teaching and learning.”