

# **NYS Education Initiatives: Highlights**

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# NYS Education Plan: Overarching Objectives

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- **Early Learning and Child Readiness:**

Prepare more children for success in Kindergarten

- **Schools K-12:**

Improve Student, School, and District Performance, especially in high need areas, enabling all students to graduate from high school and access and achieve post-secondary success

- **Higher Education:**

Build (and enhance access for low-income students to) the premier Public Higher Education System in the Nation

# Early Learning and Child Readiness

***Close the gap in coverage of Universal Pre-K for all 4 year olds***

***1. Close the gap by starting up centers in uncovered communities***

Start-up more than 200 new, high-quality Pre-K centers in communities across New York

***2. Close the gap by expanding enrollment in existing centers***

Support enrollment of 44,000 more children in existing centers

# Early Learning and Child Readiness

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## *Improve Special Education Pre-school*

- 1. Improve transition from early intervention to pre-school special education*
- 2. Improve rate-setting methodology*
- 3. Identify best practices from other states*

# Schools K-12

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## ***Improve our state's accountability system***

### ***Article VII-Accountability Bill highlights***

- New and more rigorous Regents Standards
- New growth and value added assessment model
- Performance targets for districts and schools
- New Student Progress Reports
- New School Leadership Report Cards
- New School Progress Report Cards
- Expand scope of SURR schools
- Contract for Excellence

# Schools K-12

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## ***Build teacher capacity***

### ***Article VII: Regents-Commissioner to Develop and Implement:***

- Standards and procedures for granting teacher tenure
- Expand Alternative Certification Programs
- Examine and advance recommendations to improve Teacher Preparation Programs
- Develop the *Distinguished Educator* Program

# Higher Education

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## ***Complete the Commission on Higher Education Report and Plan for Implementation***

- Tuition/Financial Aid
- Governance
- Workforce Development/Economic Development
- Financial Capital
- Access/K-12 Partnerships and programs

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*So..., what's next??*

- *Pay attention to implementation!*
- *Know what is working and what is not..., and make adjustments to improve*

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*So.., what's next??*

- *Monitor our progress and performance..,*

- Known and understandable performance metrics*

- Report annually on our progress*

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*So.., what's next??*

- *When and where necessary, rethink how existing resources can or should be used differently..,*
  - Greater efficiency does not need to mean “less”*

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*So.., what's next??*

- *Engage our partners and key stakeholders..,*
  - in shaping our direction*
  - in shaping laws and regulations*
  - with implementation*

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*So..., what's next??*

- *Pay attention to areas that we have not effectively or adequately addressed*

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## *Improve programs and services for ELL students, including Adult ELLs*

- Replicate and/or expand the number of proven programs, practices and restructuring models, to districts with increasing concentrations of ELL students
- Expand ESOL services for increasing adult population of English language learners

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## ***Fully examine NY's Special Education laws and regulations***

- The per pupil costs for special education continues to trend upwards.
- Our classification rates, especially for African American and Latino children are too high.
- We should invest more in prevention and intervention.

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## *Invest in new schooling opportunities:*

- Early and Middle College high school partnerships
- Support structures (health, social-emotional) for our middle and high school age youth
- Programs for out-of-school youth

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## ***Build leadership capacity:***

- Build upon effective leadership development programs to improve quality of our leaders for a new generation of public schools
- Focus on superintendents, principals, aspiring principals, teacher leaders and school leadership teams

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***“We have an Education Governor who insists on “doing that which is right” for NY’s children..., and he should.***

***And with the continued collaboration and support of the legislature, the Board of Regents and you-our partners, we can truly transform public education in the State of New York.”***