



# NO MORE EXCUSES

EDUCATE EVERY STUDENT

*Education unlocks the door of opportunity.*

*If we do not educate every student, we are sacrificing not only our economic future  
but also denying our children the opportunity to reach their dreams and potential.*

**STUDENT SUCCESS = EARLY START + QUALITY RESOURCES + TIME + SUPPORTS**

Over the last 5 years, Albany has shortchanged our schools and forced them to make tough cuts.

## ***What have our schools lost?***

35,000 Teachers, Aides, Administrators, Guidance Counselors, Social Workers, Librarians  
Advance Placement Courses, Honors Courses, Career & Technical Education, Resources, Tutoring  
Arts Programs, Dance Programs, Music Programs, Sports, After School Programs, Summer School, Clubs  
...the list goes on.....

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***Albany's rhetoric has not met reality.*** Governor Cuomo recognizes that schools need quality programs and supports in order to prepare students for college and careers. But, the investments that the Governor has put forth combined with 5 years of cuts have failed to improve the quality of education. **New York is moving in the wrong direction.**

New York has some of the best schools in the country that offer a diversity of courses and supports to meet their students' needs and help them reach their fullest potential.  
**But these schools are only in wealthy areas.**

*All students, regardless  
of zip code, language,  
race or ethnicity,  
have the right to a quality  
education and the equal  
opportunity to pursue  
their dreams.*

**There is gap in New York** separating the great schools from the ones that are struggling to provide even the basics for their students. This gap rings in at \$8,601 per student, which is the difference between a student going to college prepared or dropping out because they lack the supports and resources.

## **ALBANY AGREES, THESE ARE THE PROGRAMS THAT WORK:**

**Early Start in Quality Pre-K:** Students who attend pre-K are more likely to graduate high school, go to college and earn higher wages as adults. Every \$1 invested in pre-k saves taxpayers \$7 in future cost.

**Time + Resources:** A high quality and diverse curriculum tied with sufficient time give students the space to learn and grow. **Extended Learning Time**, such as afterschool programs, also allows schools to cultivate creativity by giving students the opportunity to engage in art and music.

**Supports for Student Success:** Students come to school with a variety of social, emotional and physical needs. When these needs are appropriately met through programs such as **Community Schools and Restorative Justice**, students are better able to engage in learning. Teachers also require supports, such as mentoring and planning time, in order to build upon their skills to best serve students' needs.

**Can we count on you to stand with us this year in demanding that Albany lives up to its promises?**

**2014 is an election year for the Governor and all of the Legislators. Now is the time for us to demand that they act without hesitation. They need to fund our schools sufficiently because we will remember in November.**

**NO MORE EXCUSES! *It's time rhetoric meets reality.***  
Albany needs to get serious about **educating every student.**