










## Supporting school leaders as they help build a brighter future for New York's students

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### New York at a Glance

**275 million students Prek-12**  
**1.7 million Prek-grade 8 students**  
**79% average graduation rate**  
**63% of all 4 yr olds attend state funded prekindergarten**

### Early Education in New York State

-  The first state funded prekindergarten program in N.Y. started in 1967, but it is still not available in every district
-  NYS currently has 7 different prekindergarten programs with complex funding structures
-  Kindergarten is not a required grade, which makes it a vulnerable program during challenging budget times
-  K-2 ELA Standards Workgroup formed to ensure that standards are balanced for young learners
-  42% of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders achieved a level of proficiency on state assessments
-  Over half of all ELLs are in elementary grades
-  Long Island is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> for total number of unaccompanied minors in the U.S.
-  8% of ELL 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students achieved levels of proficiency on state assessments
-  Proposed Executive Budget eliminates Foundation Aid Formula

### Federal Issues of Concern

-  Increase ESSA funding for ELL students - closing achievement gaps early is critical for increasing academic outcomes for all students
-  Appropriate at least \$2.5 billion for Title II A funding for professional development - school leaders need increased professional development
-  Oppose school voucher programs especially in PreK –grade 8 schools. Early education needs stabilization, not disruption
-  Appropriate at least \$1.65 billion for Title IV A for student support & academic enrichment programs
-  Increase funding for the USDOE - a federal presence is important for leadership & continuity of programs