**Excerpt from text of Governor Cuomo’s Budget Plan Statement from January 17, 2012**

**Reforming the State's Education System**

 “The Executive Budget includes major reforms to the State's public education system that are aimed at bolstering student achievement and improving efficiency for the taxpayer. “

**Increase in School Aid**:

“The budget includes a total increase of $805 million in School Aid, including $250 million for performance grants linked to improved academic performance and management efficiency. High need school districts will receive 76 percent of the 2012-13 allocated increase and 69 percent of total school aid. The additional aid is linked to implementation of an enhanced teacher evaluation process. “

 **Teacher Evaluation System**:

“The Governor announced that the State Education Department and school employee unions will have 30 days to agree on a new effective teacher evaluation system or the Governor will propose an evaluation system in the 30 day budget amendments. Schools will be given one year to implement the system or risk forfeiting an increase in education aid in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school budgets.”

**Direct quotes from Governor Cuomo on January 17, 2012**

“If school districts have the evaluation system implemented by September 1, 2012 they will be eligible for bonus points (to compete for additional grant funding).”

“If the evaluation system is not fully implemented by an individual school district by January 17, 2013 that district would be ineligible for state aid increases.”

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