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**NYSUT INTRODUCES TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEM,
WHILE PRINCIPALS PROTEST APPR**

New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) announced the development of a new [Teacher Evaluation and Development system \(TED\)](#). TED is a federally funded reform that was developed by teachers, principals and superintendents over a two-year period. This system establishes teachers as participants, as opposed to recipients, of their own evaluations. A number of districts and local unions have agreed to use TED to meet the state's new teacher evaluation requirements as part of the Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR).

The use of student assessments to evaluate teachers and principals have been strongly debated since APPR's adoption. Earlier this week, 658 principals from around New York revealed they had signed a letter protesting the use of students' test scores to evaluate teachers' and principals' performance in the APPR. This letter, along with a newly formed [website](#), was created to voice concerns about the APPR and includes recommendations for changes.

NEW YORK WILL APPLY FOR A WAIVER FROM NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB)

In November, New York announced they will be one of the 39 states that will seek flexibility from NCLB by applying for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver. The New York State Board of Regents is in the process of creating the state's waiver, which is due in February. For more information on the ESEA Waiver, click [here](#).

**STATE COMPTROLLER REPORTS:
"STATE'S LATE PAYMENTS HURT SERVICE PROVIDERS"**

New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli released a report illustrating how critical services to people served by non-for-profits have been threatened due to delays in contracting and payments by the state. For example in 2010, state agencies were on average six months late in approving contracts.

The Comptroller stated: "Not-for-profits operate on very thin margins...the state should ensure it gets not-for-profit contracts approved on time and address other longstanding issues that continue to harm the not-for-profit sector." In his report, Comptroller DiNapoli included a number of recommendations including developing multi-year contracts, eliminating funding for ineffective programs while supporting successful ones, and providing interim financial support for not-for-profits experiencing delays. Click [here](#) for the full report.

DATES OF INTEREST

December 12 & 13 NYS Board of Regents
December 13 DCJS Juvenile Justice
Advisory Group

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NYSED OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS

State Boards of the Profession

The following Boards met at the end of November:

- [Acupuncture](#) - November 17
- [Medical Physics](#) - November 17

The following Boards are scheduled to meet in December:

- [Clinical Laboratory Technology](#) –December 2
- [Dietetics and Nutrition](#) - December 2
- [Interior Design](#) - December 9

SNUG PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING FROM DCJS

The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) pledged \$150,000 to continue the SNUG anti-violence program. SNUG (“guns” spelt backward) works to reduce gun violence in cities across the state, especially among at-risk youth. This program was cut from the current state budget and most cities ran out of funding in October. DCJS awarded funds to five of the original ten cities that received SNUG funds– Albany, Yonkers, Niagara Falls, Brooklyn and Harlem– since these five programs showed the most fidelity to the program model and measured results.

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR

[“Roundtable Discussion: Current and Future Issues and Concerns of Human Services Administrators, Advocates and Clients”](#)

Joint Hearing Hosted By: Senate Standing Committee on Social Services & Senate Standing Committee on Children and Families

*This is a series of three roundtables to be held:

- **November 29th, at 10:00 A.M.**, Senate Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, New York
- **December 14th, at 10:00 A.M.**, Room 711-A, Legislative Office Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY
- **December 16th, at 11:00 A.M.**, Monroe County Administration Building, 4th Floor Legislative Chamber, Rochester, NY

[“Mental Health Treatment in Prison”](#)

December 6th at 11:00 A.M., Roosevelt Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY

Joint Hearing Hosted By: Assembly Standing Committee on Corrections & Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health

[“Dream Act” Legislation](#)

December 9th at 12:00 Noon, Assembly Hearing Room 1923, 19th Floor, 250 Broadway, Manhattan

Joint Hearing Hosted By: Assembly Standing Committee on Governmental Operations & Assembly Standing Committee on Higher Education Committee

[“Challenges Facing the Childcare Community in New York State in 2012”](#)

December 12th at 10:00 A.M., Senate Hearing Room, 250 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY

Hearing Hosted By: Senate Standing Committee on Children and Families

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GOVERNOR, SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

RELEASE MID-YEAR BUDGET REPORTS

View press releases and copies of the reports here:

[Governor/Division of the Budget](#)

[Senate](#)

[Assembly](#)

THE MEDICAID REDESIGN TEAM

SUBMITS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

[Workforce Flexibility and Change of Scope of Practice Work Group](#)

[Behavioral Health Reform Work Group](#)

FUNDING OPPORUNITIES

RFP for the State-Level Evaluation of the New York State [21st Century Community Learning Centers \(21st CCLC\)](#) Program. Eligible applicants include local education agencies (LEAs), BOCES, public or private institutions of higher education, not-for-profit and for-profit organizations or agencies. *Due December 2, 2011*

[Curriculum Modules and Statewide Professional Development for New York State English Language Arts & Literacy and Mathematics](#). *Deadline was extended from November 21, 2011 to December 19, 2011*

2011-12 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for [Supplemental Educational Services \(SES\) Providers](#). Eligible applicants include community based organizations, charter schools, private schools, libraries, private companies, institutions of higher education, family literacy programs, BOCES, and faith-based organizations. *Due December 30, 2011*

2012-2015 [School District Performance Improvement](#) Competitive Grant Program. This program provides grants to public school districts that have demonstrated the most success in increasing student performance, narrowing the achievement gap, and increasing academic performance among students with the greatest educational needs. Preference will be given to those who submit a high quality plan that shows the most promise of building upon this success. *Due January 13, 2012 (Click [here](#) to view the Governor's Press release.)*

2012-2014 [State Adult Literacy and Basic Adult Education](#) Application. Eligible Applicants include literacy volunteer agencies, libraries, institutions of higher education, educational opportunity centers, not-for-profit organizations and consortia of the above organizations. *Due January 27, 2012*

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Request for Information (RFI) to gather public input regarding the developmental disability system reforms recommended by the [People First Waiver design teams and summarized within OPWDD's 2011-2015 Statewide Comprehensive Plan](#).

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NEW YORK STATE REGISTER

EDUCATION

Emergency Rule Making

- Teaching Certificate in Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics or a Closely Related Field *SED* [November 23, 2011](#)
- To Implement Chapter 456 of the Laws of 2011 Which Become Effective on November 15, 2011 (Public Accountant Licensure) *SED* [November 30, 2011](#)

HUMAN SERVICES

Emergency/Proposed Rule Making

- Clinic Treatment Programs *OMH* [November 16, 2011](#)

Proposed Regulations/45 day Comment Period

- Rates of Reimbursement - Hospitals Licensed by the Office of Mental Health *OMH* [November 16, 2011](#)

Notice of Adoption

- Operation of Psychiatric Inpatient Units of General Hospitals *OMH* [November 16, 2011](#)
- Willowbrook Case Services Add-On to the Rate for Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/DD) *OPWDD* [November 30, 2011](#)

MEETING NOTICES

The Advisory Council for Registered Business and Licensed Trade Schools

December 7, 2011 in Brooklyn, NY

New York State Bar Association Task Force on the Family Court

December 1, 2011 in Albany, NY

SUNY NEWS

BLOG

The State University of New York (SUNY) launched a new blog, [Generation SUNY](#), which will feature contributions from students, faculty, staff and alumni, as well as content submitted directly from the system's 64 campuses.

BUDGET

The SUNY Trustees approved an \$8.1 billion budget proposal for the 2012-13 fiscal year. The proposal includes \$1.8 billion in requested taxpayer support, a 9.2% increase over current funding. The trustees also approved a \$1.69 billion SUNY capital budget.

SOUTHERN TIER STEM HUB IS LAUNCHED

NYS Education Commissioner John King was in Corning yesterday to announce the creation of the Southern Tier STEM Hub of the Empire State STEM Learning Network. Commissioner King stated the STEM Hub will go a long way to help students in the area achieve college and career readiness. Click [here](#) for more on the Empire State STEM Learning Network.

TRANSITION PLANNING AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

In November, NYSED sent a memo to school districts providing guidance on transition planning and services for students with disabilities. The memo also provided information on resources that will help school districts meet their responsibilities. See the memo [here](#).