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**STATEMENT FROM JONATHAN SCHLEIFER,
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EXCELLENCE-NEW YORK, ON FAILURE TO COME
TO AN AGREEMENT ON TEACHER EVALUATION**

"Teachers and families across New York City should be outraged by the fundamental failure on the part of their union and district. New Yorkers were depending on the adults in the room to come to an agreement that would not only enhance the education of millions of students in our public schools, but also provide the district with \$250 million in state funding. Instead, the two sides chose to act like children and walked away from the table without a deal.

We need a meaningful, multi-measured evaluation system that gives teachers the support and feedback they want and need to succeed. Instead, we've lost hundreds of millions in funding, and now our students and teachers are at risk of losing another year of progress due to the actions of those who put petty political interests ahead of human ones. This is a tremendous loss for New York City teachers and their students. Shame on both sides."

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