



STATEMENT FROM JONATHAN SCHLEIFER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATORS 4 EXCELLENCE-NEW YORK, ON THE RELEASE OF CCSS TEST SCORES

“The scores released today are a wake up call to all education stakeholders in New York. This is a teachable moment, not a political one. Although disappointing, the results are not a failure of students or a failure of teachers, but they are an indication that the system needs to do better. E4E teachers see the Common Core State Standards as the best tool available to prepare their students for college and careers, because it is designed to teach our children how to think for themselves. In addition these scores show us that we need to continue to give teachers more meaningful support and feedback through the City’s new evaluation system, Advance.

Moving forward, teachers must be a part of the conversation. Officials should solicit feedback from educators on the quality of tests and their preparation. The goal must be ensuring that we’re providing teachers and administrators with the proper training and professional development to fulfill the aspirations of the Common Core. New Yorkers, and especially New York City’s teachers, don’t shy away from hard work – but we do demand the tools we need to succeed to help serve our students.”

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For far too long, education policy has been created without a critical voice at the table – the voice of classroom teachers.

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