

GOVERNOR CUOMO'S FAILED IDEAS



INDIVIDUAL MERIT PAY: \$20,000 per year

Are you kidding? Teachers are motivated by seeing their students succeed, not by corporate bonus-style merit pay. This divisive idea has failed everywhere it has been tried, but the billionaires who bankrolled the governor's campaign still love it.



EVALUATIONS: 50% student test scores

Cuomo wants to double down on the flawed Common Core tests — and wants more of them because they benefit the big corporate test-makers. The change he wants won't do anything to improve accountability or help teachers grow; it will only mean more stress for students and no meaningful learning. Even Texas is moving toward basing only 20% of a teacher's evaluation on test scores.



NEW TEACHERS: Extend probation from 3 to 5 years

The governor is ignoring the real issue: the lack of support that drives 40% of new teachers to quit by their fifth year.



DUE PROCESS: Eliminate it

We say due process needs to be fast and fair. The governor says it should be fast and unfair. The governor wants the employer to be prosecutor, judge and jury.



CHARTERS: 100 more schools

The governor admits that charters are breaking the law by "creaming" students. Rather than holding charters accountable, he wants to reward their misconduct — and reward the billionaires backing the charter movement and his campaigns.



LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS: Put them in receivership

Cuomo's plan punishes the neediest children and the educators who serve them — in the very schools that he has underfunded and ignored for years. Who would want to work in these schools under these conditions?



SCHOOL FUNDING: Holding back desperately needed school aid

The governor is not meeting his constitutional obligation to properly fund schools. Our schools are already owed billions of dollars, and now he's holding this year's inadequate school funding increase hostage to his political agenda.

Children or Millionaires?

Governor Cuomo, it's your choice.

A CRISIS OF HIS OWN MAKING

The failed implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards continues to haunt the Cuomo administration, and with good reason — it's a crisis of his own making.

Four years ago, we warned that without proper curricula or teacher training, student test scores would plummet. And that's exactly what happened.

YET THE GOVERNOR DID NOTHING.

Fast forward to today: Teachers still don't have a statewide curriculum or proper training on the Common Core.

What's more, our students are taking even more standardized tests and doing more test prep, much to the outrage of teachers and parents.

Now the governor wants to use his power in the state budget process to make sweeping changes to education policy and attach even higher stakes to his beloved Common Core tests. He's trying to convince people that teachers are to blame for his inaction and lack of leadership.

Here are the facts: New York State ranks ninth in the nation for its school system (Education Week, Jan. 8, 2015). It's not teachers or students who failed.

LET'S PUT THE BLAME WHERE IT PROPERLY BELONGS: ON GOVERNOR CUOMO.

