

People's State of the State

Progress Report on Income Inequality

NAME Governor Andrew Cuomo

**DOES NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS.
SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED.**



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SUBJECT	PROGRESS INDICATORS	PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN	COMMENTS
Tax Fairness	Wealthiest individuals and businesses in New York enjoy unfair subsidies and tax breaks on the backs of everyday New Yorkers, who shoulder this burden through cuts to vital programs and services. The top 1% of New Yorkers pay a much smaller share (6.9%) of their income in state and local taxes than a middle class family (12%). Examples of bad tax policy last year include: Billions in annual tax credits to wealthiest 1% of businesses in NYS, Start-Up NY, the "Wal Mart Tax Credit", \$350 election day rebates.	Restore progressivity to state income tax, close corporate tax loopholes, increase revenue sharing and state share of education/safety-net, expand property tax circuit breaker for low- to medium-income property owners and renters.	Not grasping basic concepts. Engaged with multiple study groups but disregarded the first group. Lacks focus but can still improve grades by end of semester if student gets serious about his studies. Having some issues playing well with new student from NYC.
Education	More than 35,000 teaching jobs lost; limited or no arts and music; limited college prep classes; reduced summer school availability, limited or no tutoring; and, increased class sizes. As school budgets were slashed, standards were raised with little training.	Invest \$1.9 billion in new school aid. Raise the top rate of the NYC income tax to pay for quality full day pre-k.	Demonstrates a glaring lack of knowledge in this subject area. Needs to invest significant focus before April 1, 2014. Has been disrupting class for the past 3 years and is not working well with others. Assignments are often incomplete and shows lack of respect for others.
Job Creation	Majority of new jobs pay low wages, with largest growth in the fast food industry. Since 2008, New York has experienced a net loss of approximately 131,000 middle-wage jobs and 51,000 high-wage jobs, and a net gain of 282,600 jobs in low-wage industries.	Reform \$7 billion year subsidy/tax credit programs to create permanent, living wage jobs with benefits for low-income and people of color. Must include clawbacks for projects that fail to meet standards.	Student shows initiative, but not paying attention in class. On career day student "zoned" off a section of the classroom and told students to Start-Up their businesses in this magic area.
Minimum Wage/ Wage Theft	New York's minimum wage remains a sub-poverty wage. A minimum wage deal was passed providing meager increases spread out until 2016. Additionally, taxpayers will be forking over a portion of the increase to NY's richest companies through the "Walmart Tax Credit." Wage theft rampant due to weak enforcement, with NYC workers alone losing \$1B annually.	Accelerate minimum wage increase to at least \$10/hr. in 2014. Allow localities to set higher minimum wage. Strengthen wage theft enforcement and laws. Repeal the "Walmart Tax Credit." Eliminate the tipped wage, establish at 100% minimum wage.	Student demonstrated positive attitude last year. Shows interest, needs to take initiative and work collaboratively to make real progress. Past assignments have been incomplete.
Hunger	Demands on Emergency Food Pantries grew by 13% in 2013 alone, resulting in over 3 million visitors that year. Since 2007 the number of New Yorkers relying on food pantry programs has doubled. 20% of food pantry guests are seniors, and 43% of households relying on these emergency food programs have at least one employed family member.	Provide \$10 million in new funding for emergency food programs.	Showed initiative and made modest improvements this year, but increased funding has not matched pace with increasing demand. Needs to refocus efforts and really dig into this subject matter.
Child Poverty	Child poverty swing to record levels, with many cities throughout New York State boasting unacceptably high percentages of children living in poverty.	Bring together classmates on a Poverty Commission to establish priority measures for the elimination of child poverty.	Not paying attention and as a result other children are falling further behind. Seems to lack any clear focus or understanding of this subject. Not working to potential. Needs significant improvement.
Immigrant Rights	Approximately 146,000 youth educated in New York public schools are ineligible to receive financial aid. Only 5-10% pursue a college degree due to financial obstacles.	Allow undocumented students who meet in-state tuition requirements to access state financial aid and scholarships for higher ed.	Student lacks consistency, which impedes progress. Student is not working up to potential. Student is easily distracted in this subject matter.
Homelessness	New York City experiencing record level of homelessness, largely the result of Bloomberg era policy. 85% of sheltered homeless population is in NYC, with 23,226 homeless households in NYC and 4,075 in the rest of the state. The NYC homeless rate is growing disproportionately, where 93.3% of NY's overall growth in homelessness occurred over the last year.	Increase state funding for long-term subsidized housing, including for tenants, to reduce family homelessness and permanent supportive housing for homeless with special needs.	Needs improvement but shows promise. Shows willingness to work with others on this subject. Applies effort but continues to struggle with curriculum.