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CSA President Asks SED Commissioner to Reject NY DOE Proposal to Close 33 Schools and Reopen Them as New Ones

NEW YORK, NY--CSA President Ernest A. Logan has asked SED Commissioner John King to reject the DOE's proposal to close 33 schools and reopen them as new schools under a "turnaround" model, requiring at least 50% of the staffs to be replaced. In a strongly worded letter dated January 31, 2012, Mr. Logan emphasized that:

- The DOE proposal is designed to avoid resuming negotiations with UFT and CSA to establish a new teacher and principal evaluation system, rather than for any educational reasons.

- The 33 schools to be closed are all in the first year of a three-year plan to reform and improve learning and the reform plans underway are being abandoned without any examination of the reforms' progress.

- The "turnaround" model requires removing at least 50% of current staffs. This will unnecessarily disrupt learning in the 33 schools and, Logan said. "The one step forward these schools have taken through the current reforms will shift two steps backwards."

- The approximately 1,800 teachers displaced will be moved to the ATR at a cost of approximately \$180 million annually.

- The DOE's "turnaround" proposal is being offered as a reason for Commissioner King to restore the SIG funding that he removed due to DOE's failure to reach an evaluation agreement with the unions.

"It is ironic that DOE is now asking the Commissioner to restore these funds even though the 'turnaround' model to close the 33 schools contains no plan for any evaluation system," Mr. Logan said. "The quick closing and reopening of these schools as new ones is a magic trick that fools nobody and a hypocritical ploy that can't be tolerated."

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