

**AID TO LOCALITIES BUDGET BILL  
(Senate 6253-A and Assembly 9053-A)**

**STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Office of Prekindergarten through Grade Twelve Education Program

The amendments increase appropriations for Summer School Special Education and Preschool Special Education by a total of \$1.3 billion to support payments in the 2013-14 State fiscal year and incorporates proposed reforms of the financing system for Preschool Special Education.

The amendments modify the appropriation for School Aid to:

- Clarify requirements for new teacher and principal evaluations that school districts must fully implement by January 17, 2013 to qualify for an increase in School Aid; and
- Require that a city school district with a population of one million or more adopt an expeditious appeals process pertaining to the annual professional performance review of classroom teachers and building principals to qualify for an increase in School Aid.

The amendments also modify the reappropriation for School District Management Efficiency Grants to authorize bonus points for grant applicants that implement a new teacher and principal evaluation system by September 1, 2012.