

### **Key Public Service Areas**

- √ Improve academic performance.
- ✓ Ensure principal and teacher quality.
- ✓ Promote parental involvement in education.
- ✓ Ensure school safety.
- Ensure adequate and well-maintained classroom space.

### **Scope of Agency Operations**

The Department of Education (DOE) provides primary and secondary education to over 1 million pre-kindergarten to grade 12 students in 32 school districts and over 1,500 schools, and employs approximately 77,000 teachers. DOE prepares students to meet grade level standards in reading, writing and math, and prepares high school students to pass Regents exams and to meet graduation requirements. The School Construction Authority (SCA) coordinates the development of DOE's Five-Year Capital Plan, selects and acquires sites for new schools, leases buildings for schools and supervises conversion of administrative space for classroom use.

#### **Critical Objectives**

- Increase student attendance.
- Improve performance on standardized English Language Arts and Math tests.
- Improve performance on Regents examinations.
- Increase graduation rates and decrease dropout rates for high school students.
- Improve the ability of non-English speaking students to learn English and improve academic progress.
- Ensure students are appropriately placed in special education.
- Ensure resources to support student academic performance.
- Increase the proportion of certified teachers and overall principal and teacher qualifications.
- Increase parent involvement in school programs.
- Address crime in schools.
- Improve building conditions.
- Work with the School Construction Authority to design, construct, modernize and repair durable, functional and attractive educational facilities, on schedule and within budget.

### **Preliminary Performance Highlights**

- The percent of schools receiving an A on the school Progress Report increased by 37 percentage points compared to last school year. The large increase in the percentage of A's is attributable to the significant increases elementary and middle school students made on both state Math and English Language Arts (ELA) exams, driving a 46 point increase on the Elementary/Middle/K-8 Progress Reports. The percent of schools receiving other grades declined as the distribution of scores shifted.
- Average daily attendance increased 1 percentage point from the reporting period of September 2008 – October 2008 to the reporting period of September 2009 – October 2009. Attendance rates at the elementary, middle, and high school levels all increased slightly over the same time period.
- Students receiving special education services increased by approximately 5 percent from the reporting period of September 2008 October 2008 to the reporting period of September 2009 October 2009.
- The total number of teachers employed by the Department of Education declined approximately 3 percent from the reporting period of July 2008 October 2008 to July 2009 October 2009. With reduced budgets, some principals chose to eliminate teaching positions; others positions were lost through attrition. The percentage of teachers with 5 or more years of teaching experience has increased by 5 percentage points over the same time period.
- Phone calls responded to by parent coordinators increased by 37 percent from the period of July October 2008 to the period of July October 2009. Parents attending parent/teacher conferences increased by 14 percent to 134,000 over the same period. As of October 31, since schools invited families to log on to ARIS Parent Link in May and June 2009,



- 172,624 families have logged on to learn about the academic progress of their children and their children's schools to better prepare for these conferences.
- During the first four months of Fiscal 2010, all three school safety measures improved. Totals for the seven major felonies declined by more than 26 percent, from 281 to 206. The incidence of other criminal categories and other incidents each declined by more than 27 percent.
- Average class size increased across all grades from the reporting period of September 2008 October 2008 to September 2009 October 2009. With school budgets decreasing this year while teacher salaries increased, DOE has managed to avoid massive increases in class size by working with schools to avoid cuts to classroom staff where possible.
- The hazardous building violations backlog dropped by 31 percent, from 221 to 152, from the reporting period of July October 2008 to the reporting period of July October 2009. The Department continues to work with the Department of Buildings to ensure accurate reporting and resolution of these violations. During Fiscal 2009, schools rated in fair-to-good or good condition rose from 39.5 percent to 47.9 percent.

#### **Performance Report**

√ Improve academic performance.

|  | Actual         |                | Target         |        |        |                   |                   |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  |                |                |                | Upd    | ated   | 4-Month<br>Actual | 4-Month<br>Actual |
| Performance Statistics   | FY07           | FY08           | FY09           | FY10   | FY11   | FY09              | FY10              |
| ★ Percent of schools with scores of Well Developed on School Quality Reviews                               | NA             | NA             | 16.8%          | *      | *      | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of schools with scores of Proficient on School Quality Reviews                                   | NA             | NA             | 67.5%          | *      | *      | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of schools with scores of Underdeveloped with Proficient Features on School Quality Reviews      | NA             | NA             | 14.0%          | *      | *      | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of schools with scores of Underdeveloped on School Quality Reviews                               | NA             | NA             | 1.6%           | *      | *      | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of schools receiving an A on school Progress Report  | 23.0%          | 38.0%          | 75.1%          | *      | *      | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of schools receiving a B on school Progress Report   | 39.0%          | 41.0%          | 17.0%          | *      | *      | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of schools receiving a C on school Progress Report   | 26.0%          | 15.0%          | 5.7%           | *      | *      | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of schools receiving a D on school Progress Report   | 8.0%           | 4.0%           | 1.9%           | *      | *      | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of schools receiving an F on school Progress Report  | 4.0%           | 2.0%           | 0.2%           | *      | *      | NA                | NA                |
| Student enrollment as of October 31 in grades pre-kindergarten to 12 (000) (Preliminary unaudited)         | 1,042.1        | 1,035.3        | 1,029.5        | *      | *      | 1,031.5           | 1,036.7           |
| ★ Average daily attendance (%)   | 89.0%          | 89.8%          | 90.0%          | 90%    | 90%    | 91.2%             | 92.2%             |
| - Elementary/middle (%)  | 91.1%          | 92.6%          | 92.4%          | 92%    | 92%    | 94.2%             | 94.8%             |
| - High school (%)  | 82.1%          | 83.4%          | 84.3%          | 83%    | 83%    | 84.6%             | 86.6%             |
| Students with 90% or better attendance rate (%)  | 69.1%          | 70.2%          | 69.8%          | 72%    | 72%    | 76.1%             | 76.2%             |
| ★ Students in grades 3 to 8 meeting or exceeding standards - English Language Arts (%)                     | 50.8%          | 57.6%          | 68.8%          | 62%    | 62%    | NA                | NA                |
| ★ - Math (%)   | 65.1%          | 74.3%          | 81.8%          | 78%    | 78%    | NA                | NA                |
| Students in grades 3 to 8 scoring below standards progressing into a higher level                          | C4 C0/         | C4 00/         | 70.00/         | *      | *      | NIA               | NIA               |
| - English Language Arts (%)  | 61.6%<br>50.0% | 64.8%<br>59.2% | 78.8%<br>68.6% | *      | *      | NA<br>NA          | NA<br>NA          |
| - Math (%)   | 50.0%          | 39.2%          | 00.0%          |        |        | NA                | INA               |
| Students in grades 3 to 8 progressing from below standards to meeting standards  English Language Arts (%) | 20.3%          | 27.3%          | 37.9%          | *      | *      | NIA               | NΙΛ               |
| - English Language Arts (%)  |                |                |                | *      | *      | NA                | NA<br>NA          |
| - Math (%) Students in grades 1 to 9 promoted (%)  | 23.9%<br>96.6% | 31.3%<br>97.4% | 38.6%<br>NA    | 98%    | 98%    | NA<br>NA          | NA<br>NA          |
|  |                |                |                |        |        |                   |                   |
| Students in the graduating class taking required Regents examinations                                      | 43,747         | 51,247         | NA<br>NA       | 45,000 | 45,000 | NA<br>NA          | NA<br>NA          |
| Students passing required Regents examinations (%)   | 63.1%          | 63.1%          | NA             | 66%    | 66%    | NA                | NA                |

<sup>★</sup> Critical Indicator \$\mathbb{\textit{main}}\$ 311 related \$\mathbb{\textit{main}}\$ "NA" - means Not Available in this report



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|---|---------|---------|---------|------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |         |         |         | Upd  | lated | 4-Month<br>Actual | 4-Month<br>Actual |
| Performance Statistics  | FY07    | FY08    | FY09    | FY10 | FY11  | FY09              | FY10              |
| Students in graduating class with a 65 to 100 passing score on the Regents                          |         |         |         |      |       |                   |                   |
| Examination - English (%)   | 79.5%   | 81.9%   | NA      | 82%  | 82%   | NA                | NA                |
| - Math (%)  | 77.8%   | 79.0%   | NA      | 79%  | 79%   | NA                | NA                |
| - United States history and government (%)  | 77.4%   | 79.4%   | NA      | 76%  | 76%   | NA                | NA                |
| - Global history (%)  | 68.7%   | 69.5%   | NA      | 71%  | 71%   | NA                | NA                |
| - Science (%)   | 72.8%   | 73.3%   | NA      | 76%  | 76%   | NA                | NA                |
| Students in graduating class with a 55 to 100 passing score on the Regents Examination              |         |         |         |      |       |                   |                   |
| - English (%)   | 91.0%   | 91.5%   | NA      | 93%  | 93%   | NA                | NA                |
| - Math (%)  | 93.2%   | 92.9%   | NA      | 96%  | 96%   | NA                | NA                |
| - United States history and government (%)  | 92.6%   | 92.3%   | NA      | 96%  | 96%   | NA                | NA                |
| - Global history (%)  | 87.6%   | 86.8%   | NA      | 90%  | 90%   | NA                | NA                |
| - Science (%)   | 90.1%   | 90.1%   | NA      | 92%  | 92%   | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of all students in cohort graduating from high school in 4 years (NYSED)                  | 52.8%   | 60.7%   | NA      | *    | *     | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of all students in cohort graduating from high school in 6 years (NYSED)                  | NA      | NA      | NA      | *    | *     | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of students with disabilities in cohort graduating from high school in 4 years (NYSED)    | 18.3%   | 25.1%   | NA      | *    | *     | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of students with disabilities in cohort graduating from high school in 6 years (NYSED)    | NA      | NA      | NA      | *    | *     | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of all students in cohort dropping out from high school in 4 years (NYSED)                | 15.8%   | 13.5%   | NA      | *    | *     | NA                | NA                |
| Percent of all students in cohort dropping out from high school in 6 years (NYSED)                  | NA      | NA      | NA      | *    | *     | NA                | NA                |
| ★ Percent of students with disabilities in cohort dropping out from high school in 4 years (NYSED)  | 22.9%   | 21.6%   | NA      | *    | *     | NA                | NA                |
| Percent of students with disabilities in cohort dropping out from high school in 6 years (NYSED)    | NA      | NA      | NA      | *    | *     | NA                | NA                |
| Students enrolled as English Language Learners (000)  | 140     | 148     | 149     | *    | *     | NA                | NA                |
| English Language Learners testing out of ELL Programs (%)   | 12.0%   | 13.4%   | 15.1%   | 17%  | 17%   | NA                | NA                |
| ★ English Language Learners testing out of ELL programs within 3 years (%)                          | 50.8%   | 52.5%   | 50.6%   | 57%  | 57%   | NA                | NA                |
| Students receiving special education services (Preliminary Unaudited)  Special education enrollment | 182,730 | 195,201 | 206,760 | *    | *     | 184,087           | 192,340           |
| - school-age  | 162,714 | 173,856 | 184,020 | *    | *     | 168,553           | 176,484           |
| - Public school   | 149,129 | 154,881 | 162,034 | *    | *     | 154,444           | 160,851           |
| - Non-public school   | 13,585  | 18,975  | 21,986  | *    | *     | 14,109            | 15,633            |
| Special education enrollment - pre-school   | 20,016  | 21,345  | 22,740  | *    | *     | 15,534            | 15,856            |
| - Public school   | 787     | 772     | 781     | *    | *     | 549               | 355               |
| - Non-public school   | 19,229  | 20,573  | 21,959  | *    | *     | 14,985            | 15,501            |
| Students recommended for special education services   | 24,404  | 24,077  | 23,050  | *    | *     | 4,956             | 4,634             |
| Students no longer in need of special education services  | 5,626   | 6,257   | 6,183   | *    | *     | 2,566             | 2,637             |
| ★ Students in special education scoring below standards progressing into a higher level             | 47 401  | FF 00'  | 70.004  |      |       | 110               | ***               |
| - English Language Arts (%)   | 47.1%   | 55.3%   | 73.2%   | *    | *     | NA                | NA NA             |
| ★ - Math (%)  | 35.8%   | 45.9%   | 60.1%   | *    | *     | NA                | NA NA             |
| Schools Under Registration Review   | 35      | 32      | 20      | *    | *     | NA OOO OOO        | NA<br>OF7 400     |
| Average lunches served daily  |         | 624,266 |         | *    | *     |                   | 657,406           |
| Average breakfasts served daily   | 189,804 | 198,990 | 205,317 | *    | ж .   | 199,691           | 213,717           |

 $<sup>\</sup>bigstar$  Critical Indicator  $\blacksquare$  311 related "NA" - means Not Available in this report



|   | Actual   |          |      | Tar     | g e t |                   |                   |
|---|----------|----------|------|---------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |          |          |      | Updated |       | 4-Month<br>Actual | 4-Month<br>Actual |
| Performance Statistics  | FY07     | FY08     | FY09 | FY10    | FY11  | FY09              | FY10              |
| Average expenditure per student (\$)                            | \$16,195 | \$17,696 | NA   | *       | *     | NA                | NA                |
| - Elementary school (\$)  | \$16,548 | \$18,141 | NA   | *       | *     | NA                | NA                |
| - Middle school (\$)  | \$15,949 | \$17,496 | NA   | *       | *     | NA                | NA                |
| - High school (\$)  | \$13,890 | \$15,371 | NA   | *       | *     | NA                | NA                |
| - Full-time special education (District 75) (\$)                | \$61,009 | \$65,681 | NA   | *       | *     | NA                | NA                |
| Average direct services to schools expenditure per student (\$) | \$14,286 | \$15,498 | NA   | *       | *     | NA                | NA                |

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### ✓ Ensure principal and teacher quality.

|   | Actual |        |        | Target |      |                   |                   |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |        |        |        | Upd    | ated | 4-Month<br>Actual | 4-Month<br>Actual |
| Performance Statistics  | FY07   | FY08   | FY09   | FY10   | FY11 | FY09              | FY10              |
| Teachers  | 77,160 | 79,109 | 79,021 | *      | *    | 79,021            | 76,795            |
| Teachers with 5 or more years teaching experience (%)         | 62.2%  | 61.5%  | 64.4%  | *      | *    | 64.4%             | 69.2%             |
| Teachers hired to fill projected vacancies (%)                | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100%   | 100% | 100.0%            | 100.0%            |
| Principals with more than 3 years experience as principal (%) | 53.5%  | 62.2%  | 53.5%  | *      | *    | NA                | NA                |
| Teachers absent more than 10 days (%)                         | 18.0%  | 13.4%  | 12.9%  | *      | *    | 1.5%              | 1.2%              |

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## ✓ Promote parental involvement in education.

|   | Actual |       |       | Target |       |                   |                   |
|---|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |        |       |       | Upd    | ated  | 4-Month<br>Actual | 4-Month<br>Actual |
| Performance Statistics  | FY07   | FY08  | FY09  | FY10   | FY11  | FY09              | FY10              |
| Phone calls responded to by parent coordinator (000)          | 1,353  | 1,572 | 2,006 | 1,500  | 1,500 | 366               | 502               |
| Parent walk-ins receiving parent coordinator assistance (000) | 775    | 778   | 794   | 759    | 759   | 186               | 230               |
| Parent coordinator workshops held for parents (000)           | 21     | 38    | 35    | 35     | 35    | 4                 | 8                 |
| Parents attending parent coordinator workshops (000)          | 426    | 706   | 670   | 600    | 600   | 171               | 190               |
| Parents attending parent-teacher conferences (000)            | 826    | 1,152 | 1,167 | 1,282  | 1,282 | 118               | 134               |

<sup>★</sup> Critical Indicator \$\mathbb{\textit{2311}}\$ related "NA" - means Not Available in this report

### ✓ Ensure school safety.

|                               | Actual |       |       | Target  |      |                   |                   |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                               |        |       |       | Updated |      | 4-Month<br>Actual | 4-Month<br>Actual |
| Performance Statistics        | FY07   | FY08  | FY09  | FY10    | FY11 | FY09              | FY10              |
| ★ School safety               |        |       |       |         |      |                   |                   |
| - Seven Major Crimes          | 1,164  | 1,042 | 902   | *       | *    | 281               | 206               |
| ★ - Other criminal categories | 4,635  | 4,533 | 3,559 | *       | *    | 821               | 594               |
| ★ - Other incidents           | 8,687  | 7,456 | 5,843 | *       | *    | 1,310             | 919               |

<sup>★</sup> Critical Indicator \$\mathbb{\textit{a}}\$311 related "NA" - means Not Available in this report

#### ✓ Ensure adequate and well-maintained classroom space.

|   | Α     | Actual |        | Target |       |                   |                   |
|---|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |       |        |        | Upd    | ated  | 4-Month<br>Actual | 4-Month<br>Actual |
| Performance Statistics  | FY07  | FY08   | FY09   | FY10   | FY11  | FY09              | FY10              |
| ★ Average class size (end of October) (Preliminary Unaudited) |       |        |        |        |       |                   |                   |
| - Kindergarten  | 20.7  | 20.6   | 20.7   | *      | *     | 20.8              | 21.7              |
| ★ - Grade 1   | 21.3  | 21.1   | 21.3   | *      | *     | 21.3              | 22.0              |
| ★ - Grade 2   | 21.1  | 21.1   | 21.4   | *      | *     | 21.4              | 22.2              |
| ★ - Grade 3   | 21.3  | 21.0   | 21.9   | *      | *     | 21.9              | 22.5              |
| ★ - Grade 4   | 23.9  | 23.5   | 23.4   | *      | *     | 23.4              | 24.4              |
| ★ - Grade 5   | 25.0  | 24.1   | 24.2   | *      | *     | 24.2              | 24.7              |
| ★ - Grade 6   | 26.0  | 25.5   | 25.6   | *      | *     | 25.7              | 25.8              |
| ★ - Grade 7   | 27.2  | 26.2   | 26.5   | *      | *     | 26.5              | 26.6              |
| ★ - Grade 8   | 27.2  | 26.6   | 26.8   | *      | *     | 26.8              | 27.4              |
| Schools that exceed capacity                                  |       |        |        |        |       |                   |                   |
| - Elementary schools (%)                                      | 27.0% | 26.0%  | 28.0%  | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |
| - Middle schools (%)  | 13.0% | 14.0%  | 12.0%  | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |
| - High schools (%)  | 38.0% | 40.0%  | 37.0%  | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |
| Students in schools that exceed capacity                      |       |        |        |        |       |                   |                   |
| - Elementary/middle schools (%)                               | 20.0% | 20.0%  | 22.0%  | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |
| - High schools (%)  | 59.0% | 57.0%  | 52.0%  | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |
| Total new seats created                                       | 5,556 | 12,932 | 14,329 | 17,371 | 3,690 | NA                | NA                |
| Hazardous building violations total backlog                   | 238   | 260    | 163    | *      | *     | 221               | 152               |
| ★ School building ratings                                     |       |        |        |        |       |                   |                   |
| - Good condition (%)  | 2.9%  | 2.4%   | 1.7%   | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |
| ★ - Fair to good condition (%)                                | 32.4% | 37.1%  | 46.2%  | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |
| ★ - Fair condition (%)  | 64.6% | 60.3%  | 52.0%  | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |
| ★ - Fair to poor condition (%)                                | 0.2%  | 0.1%   | 0.2%   | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |
| ★ - Poor condition (%)  | 0.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | *      | *     | NA                | NA                |

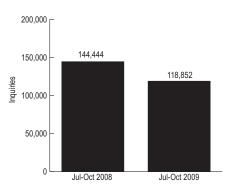
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## Inquiries Received by the 311 Customer Service Center



The 311 Customer Service Center received 118,852 DOE-related inquiries from July through October 2009.

Inquiries Received by 311



| Top 5 DOE - related inquiries:     | Total  | % of DOE<br>Inquiries |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Find a School                      | 25,569 | 21.5%                 |
| Public School Calendar             | 19,201 | 16.2%                 |
| Find a School Zone                 | 8,286  | 7.0%                  |
| Find a School District by Location | 5,429  | 4.6%                  |
| Find a School District by Name     | 4,514  | 3.8%                  |



## **Agency Resources**

|   | Α          | c t u      | a I        | September<br>2009 MMR | Updated           |                   | 4-Month<br>Actual | 4-Month<br>Actual |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Agency Resources                                    | FY07       | FY08       | FY09       | FY10                  | FY10 <sup>1</sup> | FY11 <sup>1</sup> | FY09              | FY10              |
| Expenditures (\$ millions) <sup>2</sup>             | \$15,844.4 | \$14,933.8 | \$17,903.1 | \$18,381.1            | \$18,439.4        | \$18,821.0        | \$5,656.3         | \$5,096.1         |
| Revenues (\$ millions)                              | \$61.1     | \$69.9     | \$59.7     | \$57.8                | \$57.9            | \$57.9            | \$17.0            | \$20.6            |
| Personnel   | 137,678    | 140,268    | 139,208    | 138,822               | 138,822           | 138,351           | 140,499           | 136,749           |
| Overtime paid (\$000)                               | \$12,727   | \$14,637   | \$12,257   | *                     | *                 | *                 | \$2,356           | \$1,815           |
| Work Experience Program (WEP) participants assigned | 216        | 212        | 139        | *                     | *                 | *                 | 117               | 274               |

January 2010 Financial Plan **Bold** - revisions from the September 2009 MMR "NA" - Not Available in this report Expenditures include all funds. January Plan figures reflect modifications in Federal, State, and other non-City funding since the adoption of the 2010 budget.

# **Noteworthy Changes, Additions or Deletions**

• The Department no longer reports the indicator 'Certified Teachers (%)'. All New York City public school teachers are certified.