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Rise & Shine: City adds two ‘failing’ schools to turnaround plans to fend off receivership

Plus, Cuomo and de Blasio find common ground on mayoral control, the education tax credit push continues, and more in today’s education news.

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School Improvement

Two schools have been added to the city’s broadening school-improvement initiative and will receive an extra \$1.9 million in support next year, months after the state flagged them as “persistently failing” for posting dismal academic track records for the last decade.

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Mayoral Control

Mayor Bill de Blasio, joined by business leaders, pushed for state lawmakers to extend mayoral control of city schools for at least the next three years and criticized Senate Republicans for only putting forth a one-year extension proposal that requires the Legislature to approve city school budgets.

- [Capital New York](#),
- [DNAinfo](#),
- [New York Post](#)

An escalating feud between Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio appeared to simmer down Monday after the pair made conciliations with Cuomo backing a three-year mayoral control extension and de Blasio voicing gratitude for the governor's support.

- [New York Times](#),
- [Wall Street Journal](#)

Pushing For the Tax Credit

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Cardinal Timothy Dolan met with state lawmakers Monday to urge the passing of an education tax credit that would incentivize donations to private and parochial schools to provide scholarships to students from less-affluent families.

- [New York Daily News](#),
- [SchoolBook](#),
- [Capital Pro](#),
- [New York Post](#)

Jason Bedrick, a policy analyst at the Cato Institute's Center for Educational Freedom, argues that if the New York State United Teachers supports the movement to opt-out of state tests as a form of parent choice, the union should also support Gov. Cuomo's tax credit in the same respect.

- [New York Post](#)

Promoting Safe Sex

The city is lifting the longtime ban on condom demonstrations during high school health courses starting in September.

- [New York Daily News](#),
- [Wall Street Journal](#),
- [New York Post](#)

Mistakes Were Made

Mayor Bill de Blasio said his administration "screwed up" when it cut funding to middle-school summer programs in its final budget proposal, which it reversed last week to restore funding for 34,000 affected seats for this summer only.

- [Capital New York](#)

Super Zone

Local education leaders in the Upper West Side's District 3 are considering creating a "super zone" of three elementary schools instead of one in part of the district in order to address overcrowding and increase classroom diversity.

- [DNAinfo](#)

The Extra Mile

After her son was dismissed as being a lazy student until he was finally diagnosed with a vision disability at age 13, a Queens mother decided to earn her master's degree in education from Teachers College while working full-time in order to provide better educational opportunities for her son.

- [SchoolBook](#)

A Clean Sweep

A group of 12 Baruch College High School seniors have designed a vacuum prototype that would attach to the front of MTA work trains to clean trash off the tracks, which City Comptroller Scott Stringer praised Monday.

- [NY1](#)

The Graduation Gap

The college graduation gap between students from disadvantaged families compared to affluent families is even greater than the disparities that exist when it comes to college enrollment, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

- [New York Times](#)

Rising Salaries

The average salary for teachers and administrators throughout the state increased 7.2 percent over the last four years to nearly \$59,500.

- [The Journal News](#)

Order Up

The city education department's director of food and menu management will receive a Sloan Public Service Award Tuesday for bringing fresh produce and healthier meals into city schools.

- [SchoolBook](#)

Barring the Public

A former city teacher has filed a lawsuit against the city for holding a closed-door meeting between Mayor Bill de Blasio and union workers at a Brooklyn elementary school last year.

- [New York Post](#)

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Join the Chalkbeat team for its annual end-of-school celebration on June 16.