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Dear Chancellor Tisch and Commissioner Steiner,

Thank you for sharing a summary of your plans for the state's Race to the Top application. The New York State Technology Education Association (NYSTEA), which has a long and rich tradition with the development of our instructional discipline, is constantly striving to ensure high quality educational opportunities for all of New York's students. We appreciate that New York's Race to the Top plan calls for far-reaching reforms in the areas of standards and assessment, data systems, teacher and principal effectiveness, and low performing schools. In particular, we support New York's efforts to review the state assessments and look to strengthen areas of Math, Science and Technology Education as this would have a strong impact on STEM Education.

NYSTEA strongly supports New York's plan for Race to the Top. Once implemented, this plan will enhance our own efforts to advance student achievement and close the achievement gap.

The provisions in the state's application ensure New York is strongly positioned to receive the maximum amount of available funding. Subsequent to the anticipated award of funds, we intend to pursue a formal role in the implementation of the state's Race to the Top efforts by responding to partnership opportunities per the state's RFP process. We also plan to assist the state by working with our colleagues from AMTNYS and STANYS with the development of STEM Education through the NYS STEM Education Collaborative.

We look forward to this unique collaboration.

Sincerely,

Jan F. Stark
President, NYSTEA

