## **Education Results Improve – Against the Odds**

- NYS Graduation Rate Improved AGAIN, to 74% in 4 Years
  - NYS is 2<sup>nd</sup> Best in Country in Students Scoring 3 or More on AP Exams (28%) – Maryland is 1<sup>st</sup> and Massachusetts is 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Hundreds of NYS High Schools Listed in U.S. News Best High Schools 2012
  - o 68 Gold Medals, 174 Silver Medals, 128 Bronze Medals
- Ed Week's State of the States Grading Summary Ranks NYS 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Again
  - Overall Rating of "B" Matches Massachusetts

## **School Administrators Make a BIG Difference**

- 2013 Researchers Find that Highly Effective Principals Raise the Achievement of a Typical Student 0.05 to 0.21 Standard Deviations – Equating to 2 to 7 Months of Additional Learning Per Year.
  - School Administrator Positions Were Cut 7.5% in 2011-12 and by an Additional 5.2% in 2012-13.