

Governor and Legislature continue to comply with the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act

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New York continues to comply with the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA). In the 2005-06 school year, New York's public schools received \$1,165,102,356 from the federal program. In 2006-07 school year, New York expects to receive \$1,153,774,563 under these federal provisions.

The Governor has signed legislation to extend, until June 30, 2007, authorization for the State Education Department (the "Department") to implement the choice and other provisions of NCLBA. Originally scheduled to expire on June 30, 2003, the implementing authority has been extended three times since its original enactment in 2002. Since enactment of the NCLBA implementing legislation, the following actions have taken place:

- **Supplemental Education Services:** students attending a public school identified as "in need of improvement" for three consecutive years are entitled to receive free tutoring services from an independently approved provider. Since 2002, hundreds of schools have been identified as "in need of improvement Year 3." School districts that have schools that fall into this category, then contract with independent providers to provide tutoring services. Since 2002, the Department has approved several hundred Supplemental Education Service providers. The United States Department of Education has federal guidance on the implementation of this program. (To view the Guidance, visit our [Education Resources](#) page and click on the link for the United States Department of Education).

- **Unsafe Schools:** a student attending a public school who is the victim of a violent criminal offense on school grounds or who attends a "persistently dangerous school," is entitled to transfer to a safe public school within the school district. Annually, a list of persistently dangerous schools is compiled by the State Department of Education. (To view this list, visit our [Education Resources](#) page and click on the link for the New York State Department of Education and view NCLBA).

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