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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR STEPHANIE A. MINER ON SYRACUSE
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 6.4% GRADUATION RATE INCREASE**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner today issued the following statement after the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) released graduation rates for the Syracuse City School District (SCSD). NYSED statistics show that among students who began high school in 2012, the SCSD had a graduation rate of 60.9%, a 6.4% increase from the previous year. That is the highest increase of any of New York's "Big 5" school districts.

"I am proud of the hard work students, teachers, parents, and our entire community has done to support the Syracuse City School District that has brought us to this point. We have worked diligently to improve the conditions in our schools: improving school buildings through the Joint Schools Construction Board project, increasing Career and Technical Education options, and cultivating a culture of success. I thank Interim Superintendent Jaime Alicea and his team for their efforts. While our work is not yet done, I look forward to continued progress in our city schools."

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