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AFC Response to Release of 2024 New York State English Language Arts Test Scores

August 21, 2024 (NEW YORK CITY) — Today, Kim Sweet, Executive Director of Advocates for Children of New York (AFC), issued the following statement in response to the release of the New York State English Language Arts test scores for New York City students:

An overhaul of reading instruction in the NYC public schools has been long overdue, with proficiency rates stuck around 50%, leaving far too many young people without the essential skills they need. As much as we want to see immediate results from NYC Reads, we always knew that successful implementation would take time. We need to take the long view and work for lasting change that prepares all students for successful futures.

About Advocates for Children of New York (AFC)

Since 1971, Advocates for Children of New York has worked to ensure a high-quality education for New York students who face barriers to academic success, focusing on students from low-income backgrounds who are at greatest risk for failure or discrimination in school because of their poverty, disability, race, ethnicity, immigrant or English Language Learner status, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, or involvement in the foster care or juvenile justice systems. AFC uses four integrated strategies: free advice and legal representation for families of students; free trainings and workshops for parents, communities, and educators and other professionals to equip them to advocate on behalf of students; policy advocacy to effect change in the education system and improve education outcomes; and impact litigation to protect the right to quality education and compel needed reform.