

Statement by Senate President Malcolm A. Smith, Majority Leader Pedro Espada, Jr., Deputy Leader Jeff Klein and Conference Leader John L. Sampson

MALCOLM A. SMITH July 26, 2009

"Our investments in education are among the most important responsibilities before the Senate, and we applaud the selection of Dr. David Steiner by the Board of Regents as our state's new education commissioner and President of the University of the State of New York.

Dr. Steiner is a nationally recognized educator and education reformer, who shares our commitment to improve educational quality across New York State. We look forward to working with Dr. Steiner to ensure that all of New York's children – from pre-K through post-graduate – receive the world-class education they deserve."