

11/2/18-WHERE CAN NEW YORK FIND 180-THOUSAND NEW TEACHERS? THAT'S THE QUESTION FACING DISTRICTS ACROSS THE STATE AS THEY FACE A LOOMING SHORTAGE OF EDUCATORS. A THIRD OF THE TEACHERS CURRENTLY IN CLASSROOMS ARE AT LEAST FIFTY YEARS OLD AND APPROACHING RETIREMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS STUDYING FOR A DEGREE IN EDUCATION HAS DROPPED BY HALF IN THE LAST DECADE. EXPERTS SAY CLOSING THE GAP WILL REQUIRE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO ATTRACT AND KEEP EDUCATORS IN NEW YORK.

11/27/18-THE STATE OWES LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROMISED FOUNDATION AID. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS. IT FOUND THE ROME AND UTICA SYSTEMS SHOULD BE GETTING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR EACH STUDENT. IN ROME THAT AMOUNTS TO AROUND 2-THOUSAND DOLLARS PER STUDENT, WHILE IT TOPS OUT AT A WHOPPING 4-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UTICA. UNDERFUNDING OF FOUNDATION AID HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR SMALL CITIES ACROSS THE STATE FOR YEARS.