



**TO:** P-12 Education Committee

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**SUBJECT:** School Turnaround Office Overview

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Discussion**

The Committee will discuss school turnaround efforts supported by the Office of School Innovation.

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

For information and discussion.

#### **Proposed Handling**

This item will come before the P-12 Education Committee for discussion at the February 2015 meeting.

#### **Background Information**

For the last three years, School Turnaround Office (STO), housed in the Office of School Innovation, has overseen \$437 million in grant funding to 190 schools in 55 school districts around the state. In addition to awarding grants directed at transforming low-performing district schools, STO also offers several grants for high-performing schools to support the replication and dissemination of their best practices. STO's Performance Management system in place to monitor all of the STO grants has revealed challenges facing struggling schools in New York, has an elevated focus on accountability and student performance data, and has helped generate promising outcomes.