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### LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET WEEK JANUARY 6 – 10, 2014

#### **Assemblyman Felix W. Ortiz and Senate IDC Leader Jeffrey Klein Mark Opening Day of 2014 Legislative Session by Joining With ‘Winners’ of TV’s “Biggest Loser” and Time Warner Cable to Highlight Teen Health and Obesity**

Marking the first day of the 2014 Legislative Session, Assemblyman Felix W. Ortiz and Senate Independent Conference Leader Jeffrey Klein held a joint press conference to raise awareness of the issue of teen health and the effects of obesity. Celebrities from the reality TV show "The Biggest Loser" were on hand to support legislative efforts by both Ortiz and Klein to promote healthy lifestyles through changes in public policies. Ortiz praised the contestants of the show calling them "winners" in the battle against obesity. He also referenced the newly coined word "diabesity," used to describe the effects that obesity has on the development of diabetes. Representatives from Time Warner Cable were instrumental in bringing the winners to Albany as part of their health and wellness cable programming.



#### **Assemblyman Ortiz Outlines Support for Governor Cuomo’s 2014 State of the State Proposals**

##### SUPPORTING EDUCATION

- Commitment to fund universal full day Pre-K programs
- Smart School Initiative: Providing updated technology resources to public schools
- Holding school officials accountable for the safety of our children
- Full scholarships for the top 10% of students who choose to study math and science and work in the state of New York
- Teacher Excellence Fund: Statewide performance-based teacher reward program

##### INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT

- Modernization of New York’s airports
- The building of the country’s most advanced weather detention center
- The establishment of a new college to train emergency preparedness, homeland security and cyber security

##### IN SUPPORT OF A BETTER ECONOMY

- Tax breaks for renters, homeowners and businesses
- Committing at least 5% of state contracts to be awarded to veteran owned businesses
- Re-doubling tourism investment
- \$100 Million investment in affordable housing

##### IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY

- One year drivers’ license suspension for teenagers who are caught texting while driving and a permanent removal for those who have been caught three times

##### STRENGTHENING ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

- Support passage of the full Women’s Equity Act
- Zero tolerance for discrimination of any kind in schools.