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Dear ARISE Coalition Supporters,

Following the New York State Education Department and New York City Department of Education's release of graduation rates for the class of 2009 which including the disturbing fact that only 1 in 4 students with disabilities graduated within 4 years, the ARISE Coalition released today a statement calling for accountability and responsibility of all NYC schools, districts, School Support Organizations, Children First Networks, and the Central DOE administration for improving graduation rates for the overwhelming majority of NYC's students with disabilities who for far too long have been left behind. To read the full statement please visit our website at www.arisecoalition.org or see [here](#).

As always, we welcome your thoughts and responses.

Best,

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