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## Statement From Senate Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins on New Teacher Evaluation System

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### **STATEMENT FROM THE SENATOR**

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“Rushing to implement a new teacher evaluation system would be misguided. We’ve been down this road before and we’ve seen where faulty and fast implementation of poorly conceived education changes leads. Demonizing teachers, over-testing students and rushing major reforms will not improve our education system, it will only cause more problems. Delaying the implementation of this new teacher evaluation system is the minimum step

that should be taken.”

#### BACKGROUND:

- Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins spoke out against the rushed-through education system changes that were included in the 2015-2016 State Budget. Floor remarks on the education section of the 2015-2016 State Budget