

Today's Lead: Judge Blocks Cuomo's School Aid Cuts

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State Supreme Court Justice Manuel Mendez [temporarily blocked](#) Gov. Andrew Cuomo's from withholding \$260 million in aid to New York City schools

[saying](#)

that students should not be punished because the Bloomberg administration and the teachers union could not reach a deal on teacher evaluations. The judge says funds can't be withheld until the lawsuit is resolved but the Cuomo administration has

[said it plans to appeal](#)

. Cuomo set a January deadline for the city to come up with a teacher evaluations deadline but last-minute negotiations

[brokedown](#)

and both sides have been playing the blame game ever since. Cuomo has since said he will impose a teacher evaluation system on the city if negotiations aren't successful by June. The judge noted this saying, "There are alternate means of achieving [evaluation] goals while preserving federal grant funds without the long term effects of financial sanctions on the students," he wrote.

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