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Governor Christie: We Will Fight The Interests Who Say That Failure Is Acceptable

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Transcript:

Governor Christie: There is nothing that gives me a greater sense of satisfaction than to come into a room like this, in this school, that little more than a year ago was failing and was on line to be closed, and to see these students happy, performing, and doing extraordinary things. The idea that this can be done in a relatively short period of time is both a blessing and a failure on our part. The blessing is obvious. You see these young children who are going to have a much greater life because of the work that is happening here. The failure is that we have not done it sooner and that we do not do it more frequently. And I am going to continue to fight against the special institutional interest that say that what we saw here this morning is not real. They will tell you that what you just saw is not real. Or that somehow, it is special and it is one of the reasons I came here. They adopted, North Star adopted, Uncommon adopted. Adopted this school with the children who are here and who were failing under the old system. And now one year later they are outperforming most students across the entire state. Do not tell me this is not real. It is. And with the twenty-two months that I have remaining as governor, I am going to make sure that there are more kids sitting in more gymnasiums, getting that type of education in this city and other cities across the state and we will fight the interests who say that failure is acceptable. They would not accept it for their children. I have not accepted it for mine. And I am not going to accept it for children of this city or our other major cities across the state.

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