



## EDUCATION: MAINTAINING OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

### **Education is an investment in our future**

The Assembly Majority restored \$272 million state fiscal year in overall aid to education, blunting the executive's devastating cuts.

The Assembly Majority also:

- **rejected more than \$200 million in cost shifts** – which would have required local property taxpayers to pick up special education costs including those for disabled children attending summer programs as well as Blind and Deaf schools, also known as 4201 schools
- **provided a two-year appropriation for schools**, which includes at least an \$800 million increase in the 2012-13 school year
- **restored \$3 million to our public libraries**
- **provided an additional \$800,000 for school lunch and breakfast programs**
- **secured \$20.4 million statewide for teacher centers**



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The Assembly Majority's strong commitment to education continues even during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression by:

- fighting for the continuation of the universal pre-kindergarten (UPK) program to ensure that 4-year-olds have the opportunity to get a head start in school,
- providing teachers with the necessary resources to succeed and become the very best teachers
- maintaining funding for adult literacy education and the primary mental health program

The Assembly will continue to press forward in our fight for vital education resources by continuing our call to block the tax cut for millionaires. We realize that by investing in education, we are investing in our future.

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