



## GIVING OUR KIDS THE BEST EDUCATION

Investing in our children's education is an investment in our future. This year's state budget saw \$35.3 billion being allocated toward funding our schools. The following are key things to know about this investment:



#### **Increased Funding:**

The state budget includes a \$1.3 billion increase in School Aid for the upcoming school year, continuing the state's commitment to prioritizing students and schools (A.8803-D).



## **Protecting our**

Schools: The budget rejects the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Hold Harmless provision and ensures no district receives less Foundation Aid than they did last year (A.8803-D).



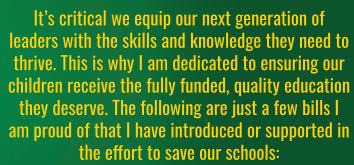
### Support for Students with Disabilities: The budget includes nearly \$1.2 billion for students with disabilities, ensuring they have

access to the resources they need for a quality education (A.8803-D).



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Infrastructure
Improvements: This
funding also provides
for the construction,
renovation and
upgrading of school
facilities, creating a
better-equipped learning
environment for
our students (A.8803-D).





Adding art and music programs to the curriculum for public school students (A.1502).



Expanding the New York State College Choice Tuition Savings Program to allow families to use funds for elementary and secondary tuition costs at the school of their choice (A.2427).



Increasing the minimum Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) reimbursement rate from \$5,400 to \$6,400 and increasing it annually to keep up with inflation (A.9128).



Our children deserve the best education possible, and it starts with us.

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