## Assemblyman Benedetto is helping Bronx students reach for the stars

"Our kids deserve an education that creates endless opportunity, inspires them to dream big and encourages them to work hard."

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– Assemblyman Benedetto



Look inside to see how Assemblyman Benedetto is fighting for our kids and schools

## Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto: New state budget looks out for our kids

# Ensuring our schools have the resources they need

Record \$27.8 billion in education funding, an increase of \$1 billion – or 3.7 percent – over last year

\$618 million increase in Foundation Aid, for a total of \$18.4 billion, to help ensure a quality education for every child

\$848 million for prekindergarten grants to help more kids get started on the right foot

\$30 million of uncollected lottery winnings earmarked for public schools



### Providing a safe, nurturing environment

\$250 million in Community Schools Aid to provide vital support to at-risk kids and their families

Ensures eligible students no longer have to pay for reduced-priced meals

Funds the Supportive Schools grant program to help protect students from bullying and discrimination



Returns local control by removing the mandate that state test scores be used for teacher and principal evaluations

Prohibits grades 3 through 8 ELA and math state assessment scores from being included on a student's permanent record

Permits districts to create a reserve fund to finance contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System

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