

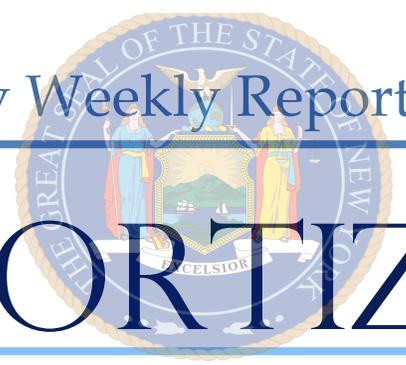


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Please learn about two important health issues at these websites:

Find a facility that can help people battling eating disorders at:
<http://columbiapsychiatry.org/eatingdisorders/directions>

Register and become an organ donor at:
<http://donatelife.net/?s=new+york>

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I joined in the Family Ping Pong Day activities at the TAISHAN CUP North Eastern U.S. Table Tennis Championship. Sports are universal and bring friends, family and the community together.



Parents from the Success Academy Charter School discussed the need for more schools and teachers with me.



Mayor Bill De Blasio and I welcomed Alice Cancel, one of our newest Assembly Members from New York City, to the Assembly.



New York State Education Chancellor Betty Rosa and New York City Department of Education Carmen Farina talked to me about education initiatives during a meeting honoring teachers.



Red Hook East and West Resident Association Presidents, Ms. Frances Brown and Ms. Lillie Marshall enjoyed IKEA's Community Breakfast.



Lauren Shields, pictured above with her mother Jeanne, is a heart transplant recipient for whom Lauren's Law is named after. Lauren's Law was first enacted in 2012 and has helped increase the number of eligible organ donors in New York. The State Education Department recently announced new education materials for high schools on the benefits of blood, organ and tissue donation.



Doctors Wilson, Beil, Heerey and Kachko from the New York Association of Naturopathic Medicine stopped by to discuss licensing naturopathic doctors. Many New York patients do not have access or choice in selecting naturopathic health care that people do in states that have. I support a change in the law to create more health care options.



Last week, nurses from the New York State Nurses Association rallied in Albany to urge passage of the "Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act." This legislation would create better nurse-to-patient ratios and set minimum staffing requirements. New York patients' safety cannot wait; this measure would save lives.