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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

# Supporting local school districts

- 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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