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Dear Friends,



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Raising awareness of breast cancer saves lives. My Breast Density Inform Law made New York one of the first states to require that women are informed in clear language if their breasts are dense. Dense breast tissue can hide tumors on a mammogram. [The most comprehensive law](#) in the nation, it is designed to improve the early detection of breast cancer by giving women this life saving information and encouraging

scuss with their physicians the benefits of additional screening tests. To learn more [video](#). (

If I can assist you in any way, please contact my District Office at 845-624-4601 or email me at jaffee@assembly.state.ny.us.

~Ellen~

Welcoming New Interim Superintendent to East Ramapo

The appointment of [Dr. Deborah L. Wortham as Interim Superintendent](#) is a strong first step toward a long-term solution that will ensure the public school students receive the quality education our state constitution guarantees them. I look forward to working with Dr. Wortham whose leadership and experience should serve her well on the ground in East Ramapo. I am hopeful that she will respond to the serious concerns that have been raised by parents and students alike, and that together with Dennis Walcott and the Monitor Team she will address the findings in the Greenberg report and the Monitor Team's analysis of the situation, acting quickly to implement improvements in education and building infrastructure.

Early Intervention Program Roundtable Held in Rockland

Early Intervention Programs are essential for infants and young



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children to address developmental delays and disabilities at a critical time in their young lives. In 2013 the NYS Early Intervention Program (EI) transitioned to using third-party "fiscal agents" in the collection of payments for EI services. Early Intervention Providers across the state have contacted me regarding the challenges they are facing with this new system. As [Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation \(OAI\)](#), it was my goal to identify precisely where problems in the system might exist, how the providers are impacted, and what the Assembly can do to respond to these serious issues.

Organ Donor Enrollment Day at RCC

The daylong event to address the critical shortage of organ donors in New York State was a success. Over 1000 students attended and 150 new donors registered. Currently, nearly 10,000 New Yorkers are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. To take action and give the precious gift of life sign the [New York State Donate Life Registry](#).

Welcoming Haitian President to Spring Valley



I was honored to be among the many people who came out to welcome Haitian President Michel Martelly on his [first visit to the Village of Spring Valley](#) where he spoke to those gathered at St. Joseph Church.

Pre-K and Child Care Roundtable

Expansion of universal pre-kindergarten has been a long standing priority of mine. According to education and child care advocates, as well as parents, many children are still unable to access pre-kindergarten programs. While pre-kindergarten is an early education program, it encompasses a population of children who have traditionally been served by child care providers. As a member of the New York State Assembly Workgroup on [Child Care](#), I participated in a roundtable discussion to examine the interplay between pre-kindergarten and child care. As pre-kindergarten programs continue to expand across the state, it is important to explore the impact pre-kindergarten has had on both the child care industry as well as the families who utilize different day care models.



Haitian American Nurses Association Annual Gala

It was wonderful to see Mireille Leroy and Jackie Cassagnol at the 7th Annual Scholarships and Fundraising Awards Gala.

