



“The 2021 legislative session was filled with big wins for our community. I’ll continue to focus on the issues that **matter most to Western New York families.**”

– Patrick Burke



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Assemblyman Patrick Burke is working hard for Western New Yorkers. Look inside for 2021 Legislative Accomplishments.

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ASSEMBLYMAN PATRICK BURKE 2021 Legislative Accomplishments

Assemblyman Burke sponsored and helped bring many crucial bills over the finish line, including new laws to:

- Encourage the **elimination of single-use plastics** on SUNY and CUNY campuses (Ch. 553 of 2021)
- Help local governments **protect agricultural, open space, scenic and cultural resources** by allowing them to issue land installment purchase obligations (Ch. 146 of 2021)
- **Extend provisions** to make it easier for publicly owned venues to hire temporary security guards (Ch. 429 of 2021)
- **Establish safe staffing standards for nurses** in nursing homes (Ch. 156 of 2021)
- **Honor the life and sacrifice of fallen New York State Police Trooper Joseph Gallagher** by naming the 1-90 bridge over state route 16 in West Seneca the “Trooper Joseph Gallagher Memorial Bridge” (Ch. 313 of 2021)



ASSEMBLYMAN PATRICK BURKE: Putting our communities first

- **Supported Mercy Hospital of Buffalo workers during their 40-day strike**, which resulted in better pay and benefits for over 2,500 workers
- **Provided free hand sanitizer refills to community members** and supplied sanitizer to small businesses during the pandemic
- **Supported local families in need** through a coordinated food drive with FeedMore WNY



Assemblyman Patrick Burke helped secure over:

\$1.5 million for organizations across the 142nd Assembly District,

including: South Buffalo Roots, the Irish Center, Erie County Parks, the Family Justice Center, West Seneca Library, West Seneca Police Department, East Clinton Branch Library, South Park Athletic Club, Boys & Girls Club of Orchard Park, Armor Elementary School, Orchard Park Public Library, Lackawanna Library, Dudley Branch Library and the Orchard Park Police Department.

LOOKING AHEAD



In the upcoming legislative session, Assemblyman Burke plans to introduce bills to:

- **Endow the Great Lakes** with certain rights to give the ecosystem legal standing to protect it from pollution
- **Expand treatment options for veterans and first responders** with PTSD and other mental health conditions by establishing medical psilocybin centers and creating a fund to help them access treatment
- **Ensure striking workers and their dependents are eligible for Medicaid** to prevent management from using the threat of revoked health insurance as a bargaining tool (A.8500)