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Greetings –

With the State’s Fiscal 2025-26 budget enacted, the work in Albany now turns fully to legislative priorities. I am the prime sponsor of bills on a range of topics from protecting libraries from censorship ([A.7353](#)), to providing property tax breaks for flood mitigation projects like rain gardens ([A.806](#)), to protecting wolves in New York State ([A.1229](#)). This Wednesday in Albany, Dyslexia Advocacy Day marked a redoubling of effort on several bills related to literacy and dyslexia that I will highlight below.

Dyslexia Advocacy Day in Albany

Dyslexia Advocacy Day organized by my colleague Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon is a great opportunity for people with dyslexia, their families, and other stakeholders to come together to advocate in Albany for the needs and rights of students with dyslexia. This year I was very pleased to announce that I was able to secure in the just Enacted State Budget \$250,000 to jump start a Center for Dyslexia and Dysgraphia within the State Education Department. The Center was a recommendation of the State Task Force on Dyslexia and Dysgraphia and my bill [A.2687](#), now in the Education Committee, would enshrine this Center in law. There has also been forward movement on my bill [A.5835](#), which passed the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology that I Chair. This bill calls on the Office of the State Librarian working with SED to provide guidance to libraries throughout the State promoting the awareness and use of evidence-based literacy practices and programming for both children and adults. I am also continuing to advocate for my bill [A.2721](#), which would expand Medicaid coverage to include neuropsychological exams for dyslexia, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent proper diagnosis and intervention as well [A.37](#) - The New York Individuals with Dyslexia Education Act (NYIDEA) - and [A.78](#) - The Right to Read Act – which take a comprehensive approach to reforming New York State’s practices when it comes to dyslexia and literacy education.



Funding for Structured Literacy

Today I announced the dedication of \$120,000 in state funding for structured literacy to P.S. 10 and P.S. 39 in Park Slope and P.S. 130 in Kensington. The funding was divided evenly between the three schools and will be used to support evidence-based literacy instruction and professional development. This grant is an expansion upon my previous literacy grant allocation of \$140,000 to P.S. 107, P.S. 295, and P.S. 154.

Early identification coupled with evidence-based literacy interventions are essential to effectively remediating dyslexia and other phonological awareness issues. I know this because I was fortunate to have my own dyslexia identified in 1st Grade and receive evidence-based literacy interventions that were structured and sequential. Using evidence-based practices will help ensure that all our children can become fluent readers and successful students.



Spring Clean and Green Recap

On Sunday May 4th, we held our annual Spring Clean and Green event with great success. 250 people dropped off e-waste, we collected a mountain of textiles for recycling, and hundreds of people shredded paperwork with help from fabulous AARP volunteers. On top of that, 60 constituents upgraded to Real and Enhanced IDs at the DMV mobile unit. This event has become a spring tradition to connect constituents with City and State resources and help with spring cleaning. We're grateful to Prospect Park, Brooklyn Book Bodega, City Sponge, AARP, DMV, DSNY and DEP for making this event possible.



Updates on road closures and cheering zones for the Brooklyn Half Marathon this Saturday!

Almost 10 of the 13 miles of Saturday's Brooklyn Half Marathon are run through the 44th Assembly District. The route offers lots of cheering opportunities. Some roads will be closed to traffic so expect delays if you are driving near the course route.

[Specific information on road closures and no parking zones can be found here.](#)

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