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# IMPORTANT NEW INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH, AND AGRICULTURE

An update regarding the 2023-24 NYS budget from



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**As we move forward, I will fight for more efficient spending—meaning critical investments into our state while avoiding burdensome tax raises on residents.”**

“This budget was by no means faultless, but the provisions bolstering support for schools, health care, and infrastructure, just to name a few, will have a positive impact on our region. However, this is the biggest budget we have ever seen, yet so many needs are still unmet.





## PUTTING FAMILIES, FARMERS, AND EMERGENCY SERVICE WORKERS FIRST:

- ✓ Incentive program to utilize local farms to provide locally sourced school meals (A.3003-D).
- ✓ Fully funding and providing record state aid to local school districts (A.3003-D).
- ✓ Millions more in funding for mental health services (A.3003-D).
- ✓ Ensuring safety through maintenance of snowmobile trails (A.3003-D).
- ✓ Expanding free school meals to students (A.3003-D).
- ✓ Millions to public libraries for building acquisition, renovation, or construction (A.3004-D).
- ✓ Supporting volunteer firefighters by providing stipends for completing firefighter training (A.3005-C).
- ✓ Supporting hospitals by ensuring they are properly funded (A. 3003-D).



## MEASURES I FOUGHT AGAINST IN THE STATE BUDGET:

- ✗ An overall \$8+ billion increase in spending in one year totaling over \$229 billion in this budget (2023-24 NYS Budget, A.3000-D, A.3002)
- ✗ Banning gas stoves and natural gas for most new construction (A.3006-C).
- ✗ Federal funds were taken from counties and put toward the state, that could cause counties to raise taxes in order to pay for Medicaid (A.3007-C).
- ✗ Increasing tax breaks for Hollywood productions to \$700 million annually while failing to provide enough meaningful tax relief to middle-class New Yorkers (A.3009-C).



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