



INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS, RETIREES AND REFORMING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

What this year's budget
means for you.



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I approached each issue individually, aiming for better solutions and a balanced outcome. My priority remains a budget that supports families, schools and public safety, without overspending. You deserve thoughtful, honest representation, and that's how I've cast every vote in Albany."

"This year's state budget isn't perfect, but it includes vital investments in our communities. I supported responsible measures that invest in our future and opposed those that went beyond what I believe is prudent.



PUTTING STUDENTS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY FIRST:

- ✓ Increasing school aid for every district (A.3003-D and A.3006-C)
- ✓ Providing universal free school meals to all students statewide (A.3006-C)
- ✓ Giving school districts more time to transition to electric buses by providing an additional two-year extension if they cannot meet the 2027 deadline (A.3006-C)
- ✓ Reforming New York's discovery laws to prevent cases from being dismissed over technicalities while still protecting defendants' rights (A.3005-C)
- ✓ Extending the income cap waiver through 2027 so retired teachers and school staff can return to work at full salary without losing retirement benefits (A.3005-C)
- ✓ Updating involuntary commitment laws will improve public safety and mental health intervention (A.3005-C)
- ✓ Supporting agencies in boosting tourism and local economies with \$3.45 million in Local Tourism Matching Grants (A.3003-D)
- ✓ Creating penalties for evading arrest by concealing one's identity (A.3006-C)



MEASURES I FOUGHT AGAINST IN THE STATE BUDGET:

- ✗ Increasing overall state spending by \$12.9 billion in one year, bringing the total budget to more than \$254 billion (2024-25 to 2025-26 NYS Budgets)
- ✗ Allowing the governor to close up to three correctional facilities during Fiscal Year 2026 (A.3005-C)
- ✗ Removing the residency requirement for state correctional officers, opening the door to hiring non-residents for these roles (A.3005-C)
- ✗ Insufficiently funding direct service providers and human services agencies (A.3007-C)
- ✗ Allocating \$10 million for public officials' attorney fee payments for any legal process initiated by the Federal Government (A.3000-D)



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