

EDUCATION:
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A QUALITY EDUCATION WILL PUT CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY STUDENTS ON THE RIGHT PATH

Common Core:

This year several reforms were made to help deal with the flawed implementation of Common Core. These included:

- Reducing reliance on standardized tests, especially for the youngest students.
- Establishing safeguards to protect students' privacy.
- Supporting efforts to increase collaboration between teachers, SUNY and other college officials to provide more comprehensive professional development for teachers and principals implementing Common Core.

But more needs to be done, including:

- Alleviating the mandated cost of Common Core from school districts and local property taxpayers.
- Incorporating local teachers into the implementation process, so that curriculum meets the needs of the students.
- Providing reforms that account for the needs of special education students and those with developmental disabilities.

School Funding:

- Supported \$1.1 billion in additional education aid; an increase of more than 6% for Chautauqua County.
- Voted to increase student aid at JCC and to increase TAP grants.

Education Reform:

- Co-sponsored a bipartisan bill to implement a career and technical diploma program.
- Drafted legislation which would require individuals obtain at least a high school degree or GED before becoming eligible to collect welfare benefits.
- Sponsored legislation to create a regional high school, allowing students to receive greater educational opportunities at a decreased cost to property taxpayers.
- Voted against unqualified candidates for the Board of Regents and supported the most qualified candidates for the board, regardless of political affiliation.
- Supported changing the appointment process for the Commissioner of Education to make the commissioner responsible to the Governor, not political cronies.



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