



Assemblywoman

Alicia L. Hyndman

EDUCATION UPDATE AND RESOURCE GUIDE

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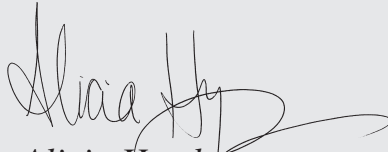
Greetings,

A good education is an essential component of a great community which is why many of us advocate so hard for our children's future. I understood the value of education at an early age and volunteered for 10 years on Community Education Council 29 to help our children.

We face many challenges raising children in today's society, which is why I created this education resource guide. There are many programs and resources that are available to help ensure the success of our children at every level. Whether you're sending a child off to school for the first time, attending as a college freshman or someone looking for new career, this guide will help you navigate the complex and at times intimidating education system.

During the summer, I visited schools in the district to prepare for the upcoming school year and will be at community events with additional educational materials. As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office at 718-723-5412.

Yours in Service,



Alicia Hyndman
Assemblywoman 29th District

Education

Investing in our children's future is a top priority for me. That's why I was glad to pass a budget that helps our kids succeed. This year I was able to:

- Secure a \$1.4 billion increase in education aid
- Add \$20 million to implement My Brother's Keeper, a federal initiative to improve outcomes for boys and young men of color
- Add \$14.3 million for Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers
- Include \$1 million for Career and Technical Education programs to reduce barriers faced by English language learners and students with disabilities, as well as promote gender diversity



Speaking with New York City Department of Education Chancellor Carmen Farina about improving our schools.

Education in the 29th District



S.T.E.M. Camp

We partnered with PS 38Q to sponsor a winter STEM camp. Over 100 children attended the two-day camp, participating in music, arts and science classes. Students also attended STEM related activities at the Cradle of Aviation.



Botanical Gardens

With the students from PS 36Q for a tour of the Botanical gardens. Opportunities like this help bring the classroom to life.



District 29 Literacy Fair

Improving literacy in our schools is a major component of my vision to improve the outcomes of our children. Call my office to find out more about our summer reading program.



Education Meet and Greet

Meeting with Principals, Teachers and Parents at the District 29 Legislative Chat and Chew. These events provide a vital opportunity to discuss important issues about our children's education.



District 29 Science Fair

I was proud to be a part of this event during my time on the Community Education Council. It has now grown to include the entire school district with over 600 projects on display.



Increasing Diversity on the College Level

Speaking with CUNY Queens College President Felix V. Matos Rodriguez about increasing the diversity in our local colleges.

Education Resources

Navigating the New York City Department of Education (D.O.E.) can be an intimidating process. Whether it is learning about your rights as a parent or understanding your child's Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) here are a few organizations and agencies that can help you through the process.

Family Welcome Center

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

90-27 Sutphin Boulevard, 1st Floor
Jamaica, NY 11435

Phone: 718-935-2393

Districts Served: 27, 28, 29

District Superintendent's Office

Your local superintendent's office is an excellent resource for information and guidance. Superintendents communicate New York City Department of Education policy to schools and the public. All superintendents perform statutory duties for each school, including evaluating schools in their districts, appointing principals in district schools, acting as rating officers for principals in the district, approving principal and teacher tenure decisions, and approving school budgets.

District 29 Superintendents office PS 35Q

90-11 191 Street, Room 122
Hollis, New York 11423

Phone: 718 217-7740 Ext. 1222

Fax: 718 217-7739

Community Education Council

Community and Citywide Education Councils are deliberative bodies that help to shape educational policies and priorities in their districts. CEC members are parent volunteers who provide hands-on leadership and support for their community's public schools.

District 29 Community Education Council

218-01 116th Avenue
Room 101A
Cambria Heights, NY 11411

Phone: 718-341-5408

Fax: 718-341-5415

Email: cec29@schools.nyc.gov

Advocates for Children

Advocates for Children has a staff of attorneys and education specialists that have successfully helped hundreds of thousands of families by providing free legal and advocacy services, including representation at school-related hearings and appeals, and teaching families what they need to know to stand up for their children's educational rights.

AFC's Education Helpline

Call 866-427-6033

Monday through Thursday

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUNY Educational Opportunity Center

The Queens EOC provides innovative academic programs leading to higher education, and vocational training programs leading to gainful employment and economic self-sufficiency.

Queens Educational Opportunity Center

One Jamaica Center

158-29 Archer Ave

Jamaica, NY 11433

Phone: 718-725-3300 Ext.3403

Legal Services of New York City Education Rights Project

The Education Rights Project represents hundreds of NYC schoolchildren every year in special education and discipline proceedings, their team of education advocates works closely with families to access educational supports for their children. They advise and represent public and charter school students who require improved special education services, are facing suspension or exclusion from school, or who seek transfer or medical accommodations.

Education Rights Project Hotline

Call 917-661-4500

Monday through Friday

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more education related resources please contact my office at 718-723-5412.

Changing Careers

Prior to being elected your Assemblywoman, I spent 15 years as an investigator and administrator for the New York State Education Department. During this time I worked closely with Vocational and Trade schools to ensure that students received quality instruction.

There are many for-profit schools that operate in New York City. These schools enroll over 100,000 New Yorkers in courses of study ranging from air conditioning repair and cosmetology to medical assistant training and English language courses.

For a full list of licensed schools please visit <http://eservices.nysed.gov/bpss/bpsspublic/BPSSPublicSearch.do> or stop by my office for more information.

Assembly District 29 Education Task Force



When I served on the Community Education Council for School District 29, I saw firsthand the need to work as a team to improve our children's education. During my time as president of the Education Council, we brought back \$35 million dollars in Capital Funding for playgrounds and technology upgrades for schools across the district.

Now as your Assemblywoman, the need for collaboration is even greater, this is why I created the Assembly District 29 Education Task Force to address education in our public schools. This task force is made up of local principals, teachers, Community Board Education Chairs, advocates and parents who have experience working with our schools. During the summer, we met to discuss projects and opportunities such as the My Brother's Keeper Initiative, which I was proud to have helped pass in my first session. I am also proud of our proposed plan for a specialized high school prep program for our 7th and 8th graders. This task force is not complete without you, to sign up for updates please call my office at 718-723-5412 or visit my New York State Assembly website <http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Alicia-Hyndman/>.



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EDUCATION UPDATE

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Higher Education

Earning a college degree is the dream of many students and their families. Unfortunately, the rising costs of higher education have made this goal difficult to reach. In this year's budget, We were able to freeze tuition at all CUNY and SUNY Colleges and Universities for New York State residents. Education is the key to prosperity and I will fight to make sure that opportunity is available for our children.

**For more information on how to help pay for college
contact my office at 718-723-5412.**