



Assemblyman Kenneth P. Zebrowski

Summer 2014



Common Core Reform

Over this past year, Assemblyman Zebrowski has traveled throughout the district listening to the concerns of parents, teachers, and administrators regarding the flawed implementation of the Common Core, and other relevant issues facing education, such as student privacy.

Ken has also received your ideas via email, phone, social media, and mail and is grateful for your invaluable input.

- The State budget contains significant changes to the common core by delaying high-stakes testing for over four years, as well as several other measures:
 - ✓ Institutes a four year moratorium on common core test results for student evaluation, placement, and permanent records
 - ✓ Limits classroom time spent on test preparation
 - ✓ Directs the State Education Department to reduce the length and number of tests
 - ✓ Bans statewide testing for grades K-2
 - ✓ Requires the State Education Department (SED) to give schools an appropriate amount of time to implement the new curriculum

Protecting Student Privacy

- Assemblyman Zebrowski is pleased to announce that this year's State budget terminated the State's contract with inBloom. Parents can now rest assured knowing that their child's personal information will remain private.
- The bill also established the "Parent's Bill of Rights" which will provide parents with vital information regarding privacy and protection.

Investing in Education

- Assemblyman Zebrowski successfully advocated for Rockland students in securing an 8.6% increase in State aid to our schools.
- The budget included the greatest increase to education funding in five years, bringing the total State aid to over \$22 billion, the largest investment to date.
- Ken pushed and secured an \$8.8 million restoration to the Gap Elimination Adjustment for Rockland Schools.

Improving Technology

- If passed, the Smart Schools Bond Act could bring millions of dollars to Rockland Schools and help to modernize our classrooms and enhance technology.



Dear Neighbor:

It's hard to believe that we're already nearing the end of the school year. As the legislative session winds down, I wanted to provide you with an update on the many positive changes we've made regarding education.

We recently passed the fourth consecutive on-time budget with the largest investment in education in New York State history. Reforming common core, increasing state aid to schools, and continuing to protect student privacy are some of the many initiatives we have made to improve education.

Although our work is not done, I hope you are pleased with these changes. Investing in our children has been, and will continue to be, one of my top priorities.

I wish you and your family a fun and safe summer and as always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,



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