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Greetings--

I hope you are doing well and enjoying this summer weather.

Spectrum News Story on Literacy Advocacy

Many of you know that I have fought hard in my time in the Assembly to advocate for and improve literacy education and teacher training across New York State. On Tuesday morning Spectrum News CNY aired a story in which I spoke about the literacy crisis facing the State and my own legislation to address it. If you would like to watch the story for yourself <u>you can find it</u> <u>here.</u>



Below I am including information on this legislation. The Dyslexia Task Force Act awaits Governor Hochul's signature, so if you wish to support it please call her office at (518) 474-8390 and ask that she sign the bill into law. For the other bills call your local State Assemblymember and State Senator and express your support. For many of you your Assemblymember is myself, in which case I am happy to hear from you to discuss my legislation further.

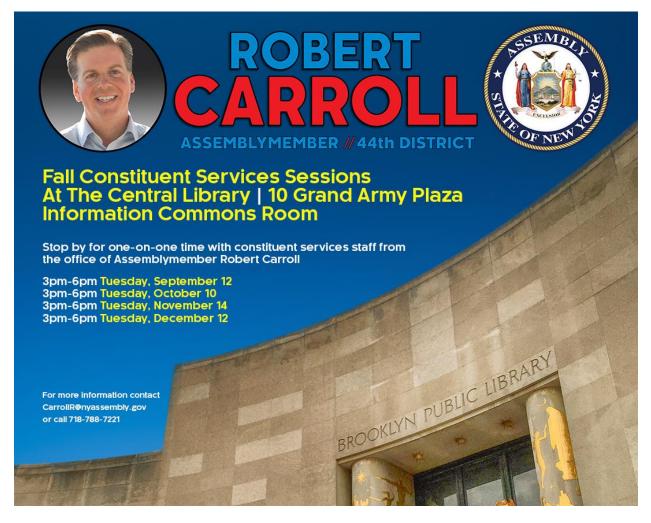
- A.133 "The Dyslexia Task Force Act" will create a task force to research and develop educational supports for those with dyslexia and related disorders
- A.2898 "The Dyslexia Diagnosis Access Act" will require private health insurance companies to pay for neuropsychological exams to diagnose dyslexia
- A.7101 "The New York Individuals with Dyslexia Education Act" will create standards for dyslexia screening and interventions for K-5 students

 A.2897 "The Right to Read Act" will require the State Education Department to provide guidance to schools to establish literacy curricula based on best practices for literacy education

As I told Spectrum News, "About 20 other states around the nation have passed similar pieces of legislation, as the research has proven that structured sequential phonics that is done with fidelity is best for all children."

Central Library Fall Constituent Services Sessions

Starting next month my office is hosting our Fall Constituent Services Sessions at the Central Library at Grand Army Plaza. This is a chance for you to meet with constituent service staff and discuss your questions and concerns. My district office on 7th Avenue is also open year round for inperson and over-the-phone constituent service meetings. Call or email my office for any questions regarding these upcoming Constituent Services Sessions.



"Rat Academy" Classes

The New York City Department of Health is offering "Rat Academy" classes in the coming weeks and months in which you can learn about rat management and prevention. These classes are offered both virtually and inperson. If you are interested or would like more information <u>you can sign up</u> for classes here.

If you have any concerns about these or any other legislative or community matter please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

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