

Assemblymember Jaime Williams:
**Legislative Session
Builds a Brighter Future**

Information on the 2021 Legislative Session

*"I secured significant victories
for our communities
so we can all look forward
to better days ahead."*



See other side for more details...

Assemblymember Jaime Williams

Providing critical support to all New Yorkers

Supporting students and teachers

- ✓ **\$29.1 billion** for public schools and **\$19.8 billion** for Foundation Aid to ensure our schools have the resources they need
- ✓ **\$88 million** to **increase the maximum TAP** award and rejected proposed tuition increases at public colleges
- ✓ Continued a **multi-year investment in universal prekindergarten** to help our youngest learners start on the right path

Providing relief for families and small businesses

- ✓ **\$2.6 billion** in combined federal and state aid to help tenants and landlords impacted by COVID-19
- ✓ **\$800 million** for the COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program for businesses and for-profit arts organizations
- ✓ **\$540 million** in mortgage assistance to help people stay in their homes
- ✓ Restored **\$69.4 million** in local assistance for child care programs, family and children's programs and youth programs, added **\$50.9 million** in grants and programming and allocated **\$2.4 billion** in federal funding for various child care priorities
- ✓ **Made the Nourish NY Program permanent** to provide healthy food to families in need and an expanded market for New York farmers
- ✓ Continued the phase-in of **middle-class tax cuts** to keep more money in New Yorkers' pockets

Investing in infrastructure

- ✓ **\$350 million** increase for the DOT Capital Plan, including \$100 million more for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs)
- ✓ **\$100 million** for a new program to reimburse local governments for road and bridge repair
- ✓ **\$500 million** for clean water infrastructure
- ✓ **\$1 million** to study broadband availability and reliability statewide

Expanding support for veterans

- ✓ **\$5 million** for the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Project to help veterans impacted by PTSD, traumatic brain injury or other health issues
- ✓ **\$4.2 million** for programs that serve veterans statewide
- ✓ **Extended the Hire-a-Vet tax credit** for employers and expanded tuition assistance to disabled veterans and all Gold Star families

Federal funding ensures state budget puts families first

The state budget allocated significant federal funding, including **\$8.2 billion in education support** through the American Rescue Plan and **\$3.8 billion** from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, **\$466.8 million to help distribute COVID-19 vaccines** and **\$10.6 billion for local governments.**