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The Bores Brief

Only have minutes to spare? Here's what you need to know:

- Thank you to everyone who joined me at the CUNY Graduate Center on January 22 for my **third annual State of the District**. I am grateful for your continued partnership and advocacy across our neighborhood.
- **Applications for 3-K and Pre-K are now open** through February 27. Families can apply online at [MySchools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc) or by calling 718-935-2009. Please remember that the process is not first-come, first-served, so you have until the deadline to list as many school choices as you'd like.
- Due to the recent winter storm and frigid temperatures, **there has been an uptick in sign-ups for Notify NYC**, the city's official emergency alert system. You can receive free, real-time updates tailored to your zip code by texting "NOTIFYNYC" to 692-692 (you can also send "NOTIFYNYCESP" for Spanish or "NOTIFYNYCFRE" for French).
- **Applications for the 2026 Summer Youth Employment Program** are now open. Interested applicants can apply to nyc.gov/syep before the deadline on February 27, 2026.

Sincerely,

Alex Bores
Your Assemblymember

3RD ANNUAL STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Alex delivered his annual State of the District address in January. Sharing his roadmap for 2026, which prioritizes making life in the city more affordable by tackling housing and childcare. He's also championing new common-sense protections for your digital lives, from reigning in predatory gambling apps to passing a bill that allows you to finally control your own online data.



LEGISLATIVE WINS



Governor Hochul signed Assemblymember Bores' landmark AI safety bill, **the RAISE Act** (Responsible AI Safety and Education Act)! The RAISE Act is now the most comprehensive AI transparency and safety law in the country, but it is also tightly scoped to only the largest and most powerful AI systems developed by the world's biggest tech firms.

As artificial intelligence advances at breakneck speed, New York is taking a proactive stand to encourage innovation while ensuring this technology serves the public good and does not compromise our safety.

Virtual Credit Card Bill (A3986): Alex's bill to eliminate junk fees that insurance companies hoist on healthcare providers was just signed by Governor Hochul. Insurance companies were reimbursing providers using virtual credit cards that include fees up to 5% just to make a payment, a fee that hurts providers and gets passed along to patients.

This new law prohibits insurers from imposing fees on electronic payments. By eliminating these unnecessary middleman fees, the law ensures that more healthcare dollars go directly toward patient care rather than administrative overhead.

Concussion Safety Bill (A5383): A local student-athlete approached Alex regarding the lack of required concussion risk disclosures in youth sports. While NYS law requires that families receive information on concussion risks for tackle football, no such requirement exists for other high-impact sports like soccer or lacrosse.

To address this safety gap, Alex introduced legislation to expand these notifications to additional youth sports. This bill just passed the Assembly, and awaits action in the Senate.

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST ICE

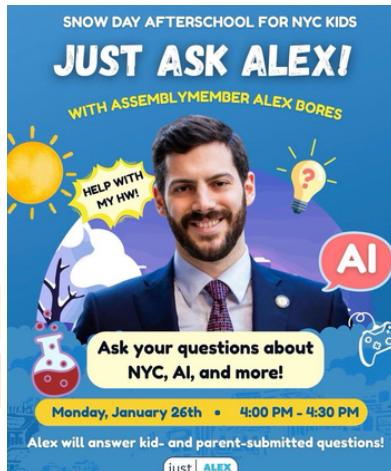


Following the killings of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Petti by federal agents, Alex joined over 40 New York colleagues and 500+ legislators nationwide in demanding a full, independent investigation. To protect our neighbors here at home, he is advocating for the immediate passage of the MELT and RADAR Acts, which would ban masked enforcement and bring much-needed transparency to immigration activity in New York. Federally, he has called to abolish ICE—the safety work of HSI was done before ICE existed and can continue in another agency, but the rot of ICE under this administration has gone too deep.

ASK ALEX

Alex recently held an interactive Zoom workshop to help students navigate the rapidly changing world of AI. While 25% of teens are already using AI-powered tools at school, the vast majority lack a structured roadmap for using them.

During the session, Alex provided young people and their families with the safety tips and practical knowledge they need to master these tools without the risks.



ESSENTIAL CHILD CARE FUNDING

Assemblymember Bores joined Senator Gillibrand to support universal childcare. As the father of a six-month old, Alex understands how difficult and expensive it can be to attain childcare. He is fighting for universal coverage in this year's budget.



SUPPORTING NURSES



Alex joined the striking Nurses Association of New York State in their fight for living wages and safe working conditions. Alex spoke about the need for patients to be protected by nurses who are properly compensated for their work and urged the hospitals to negotiate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NYC Restaurant Week

January 20 to February 12
Lunches and Dinners at \$30, \$45 and \$60
For locations: bit.ly/EatNYC26

Virtual Zumba with NYC Parks Department

Thursday, February 12, 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
To Register: bit.ly/Zumba226

Health Advocates for Older People Free Equipment Fair

Monday, February 9, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 E 88 St

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library

NYU Classical Voice Collective Concert
Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 PM
SNFL NYPL, 455 Fifth Ave
To Register: bit.ly/NYPLVoices

Mobile Office Hours with Team Bores and the MTA! Come ask your MTA questions!

Wednesday, February 11, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
The Coffee Haus, 162 E 37 St

Brian Jones — Black History is for Everyone
Monday, February 23, 6:00 PM
Roosevelt House, 47-49 E 65 St
To Register: bit.ly/BHMrh

AM Bores partners with NYLAG

Monday, February 23, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
353 Lexington Ave
Registration Required: Call 212-605-0937



Check Out CUNY Public Programs

Most events are FREE and reservations are required. For a list of events: bit.ly/CUNYEvent

Free Tax Prep

Free Tax Preparation Services (VITA/TCE)

- Filing Starts: January 26, 2026.
- Eligibility (with dependents): Earned \$97,000 or less in 2025.
- Eligibility (no dependents): Earned \$68,000 or less in 2025.
- The Service: Get your taxes filed for FREE by IRS-certified volunteers through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.

For more information:

bit.ly/NYCTax26