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NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

**Our Kids  
Deserve  
the Best...**



# Keeping Long Island Kids from being shortchanged

Ed Ra has fought hard to  
improve education on LI:

- **GREATER FREEDOM FOR SCHOOL BUDGETS:** Lifted the MTA Payroll Tax off the backs of school districts, providing them with greater freedom in their budgets while also easing the burden on taxpayers.
- **RESTORING KEY STATE AID:** Fought hard to restore \$805 million in education aid for schools in the 2012-13 State Budget.
- **HELPING THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST:** This year's budget includes an additional \$41.8 million in aid for special needs students to provide them the best possible education setting.



Ed Ra knows  
our kids deserve better:

- **LET US DECIDE HOW OUR KIDS' MONEY IS SPENT:** Fighting to end Albany's costly unfunded mandates that are crowding out good teachers and good programs while driving up taxes.
- **FAIRER FUNDING FOR LONG ISLAND SCHOOLS:** Co-sponsoring legislation that would require the state aid education formula to take into consideration a region's cost of living based on the Consumer Price Index.
- **BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION WORKFORCE:** Promoting enhanced awareness of occupational training programs that can lead to careers in employment fields that are struggling to find a skilled workforce.

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