

DO COMMON CORE AND STANDARDIZED TESTS HELP LONG ISLAND STUDENTS?

Our first priority for our students is to teach them that a good education and hard work will lead to a rewarding and successful future. However, as our expectations for our children are becoming greater and greater, they are faced with the pressures of a world with a deteriorating job market and tougher collegiate admission standards.

The cost of our schools is skyrocketing as the state continues to tie the hands of our skilled teachers, preventing them from providing an effective education to our children. Not all students learn the same way. It is time to give our teachers and our students a chance to flourish in a well-maintained environment, which we as a community and as parents can provide.

Having our kids take tests for multiple days on subject matter that hasn't been taught to them is neither fair nor beneficial to the student or the educational institution of New York.

This is why I support "Truth-in-Testing," a provision that requires each public college that uses test scores in its admissions process to conduct regular studies analyzing the "degree to which such scores and high school grades, class rank or other factors considered in making undergraduate admissions decisions relate to academic performance of the students it admitted."

We can make our students' futures a success.

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LONG ISLAND'S FUTURE STARTS NOW

As we begin a new school year, I am working hard to ensure that the education of Long Island's next generation remains top notch. As a former school board member, I understand the importance of hearing from everyone involved in our children's lives, from teachers to parents, while also balancing the cost to taxpayers. That's why I have been:

- Organizing a grassroots movement that helped secure over \$2.5 billion in funding for Long Island schools, including more than \$121 million in new funding;
- Supporting the Next Generation NY Job Linkage program, preparing students for real-world jobs; and
- Fighting to make sure personal information about our students remains confidential.

I also know we need to do more to make sure our children can grow up and find jobs in the communities we know and love. I put forward an aggressive agenda that includes:

- Ensuring affordable education for all by establishing the affordable college education scholarship program to allow eligible resident students to earn a bachelor's degree at a cost no greater than \$10,000;
- Encouraging students to stay local after college through the "Retain-NY" program, by providing a tax credit for college-educated residents who remain in the state after graduation; and
- Continuing the fight for Long Island's fair share of state education aid.



PROTECTING OUR STUDENTS!

I have been a strong advocate for our students. Senator Skelos and I have worked to restore funding, which goes a long way toward providing the necessary environment for our educators to effectively teach our children. However, our children face new challenges in a technologically diversified world.

Cyber-bullying has created a new type of hostile and aggressive community for our children to cope with, and has proved to have some devastating results in the communities of New York. I have been at the forefront, offering our parents and our schools the tools to work with students to report and respond to the very real effect of harassment and intimidation through the use of electronics.

I have sponsored seminars to address cyber-bullying to benefit our communities' children and parents at forums held in Lynbrook, East Rockaway, Rockville Centre and Baldwin.

Keeping students motivated is crucial to a successful future. This is why I have proudly sponsored the Winners Inc. motivational speaker program each year. Through hard work and high self-esteem, our children will put themselves on the path to success while making smart and safe life choices.

I also stand for protecting the privacy of our students. As seen in New York City, our children's private information is not for sale or for the use of third party groups, such as inBloom Inc. We cannot allow the profiteering of private information about our students by anyone. It is our responsibility to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our children so they may have a successful future as adults.



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