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Assemblyman with Valley Stream Students.

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Long Island Schools Get Most State Aid Since Recession.

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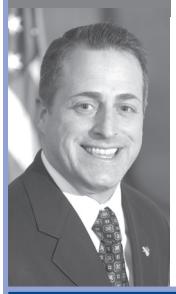

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Our children deserve a bright future and it starts with a quality education.

SCHOOL AID FOR VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT #13

2012-13 School Aid = $8,709,380

2013-14 School Aid = $9,165,534

2014-15 School Aid = $9,721,688

Difference From 2011-14: Increase of 14 percent.
Within this same period, we significantly increased state aid to non-public and private schools each year.

In this year's state budget, I fought for and voted to provide an additional $602.1 million to offset the education cuts of 2010 and 2011, otherwise known as the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). While it is not enough to completely end the cuts, we are on the right track; and next year will provide another opportunity to end the GEA, something I have continually advocated for. This budget also increases library aid to $86.6 million, $1 million more than last year.

Fighting for our fair share of state educational aid is not the only important issue facing our kids. After hosting over a dozen public forums and hearing from thousands of concerned parents and education professionals from across the state, the Assembly Minority Conference and I proposed the APPLE Plan to reform Common Core and education policy in New York. Legislative leaders made minor reforms to Common Core in this budget, but it's not enough. As a father and advocate for education, I will continue to push for a complete overhaul of Common Core and other necessary education reforms.

Higher Education

- Increased Nassau Community College Base Aid by $75 per student, for a total of $2,497 per student; and
- Increased the maximum Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) award by $165 per Nassau student, for a total of $5,165 per Nassau student.

I Voted Against All Incumbent Board of Regents Candidates Who Approved and Implemented Common Core.

For more information on the APPLE Plan, please visit:
http://www.bit.ly/educationalcrossroads

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