



**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN FELIX W. ORTIZ
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Legislative Highlights for the Week Ending March 7, 2014

**Legislators Turn Full Attention to New York’s Children
Ortiz Continues Fight for Education, Jobs and Union Workers**



Assembly Passes Paid Family Leave Bill, School-Based Health Centers and a Better Approach to Common Core

Assemblyman Felix W. Ortiz and his colleagues this week in passed a series of bills to address the growing challenges of today’s families. The package of bills establishes **paid family leave** for births, adoptions or to care for sick family members. It also increases **day care subsidies** for needy families and makes training classes available for those who want to become day care workers. The measures will help New Yorkers to care for their families without fear of losing their jobs, pay or benefits.

The Assembly also passed Ortiz’s legislation to create a personal income tax check-off box that will send donations to **school-based health centers** across the state. **The Assembly passed a bill delaying the Common Core education curriculum** this week in response to requests from parents and teacher asking for more time to prepare themselves and their students for the challenges ahead.



This week, Assemblyman Ortiz met with members of the United Federation of Teachers (UFT), students from NYC College of Technology (CUNY), daycare workers and NYC Mayor de Blasio



CSEA President Danny Donohue said: "The Assembly Majority has long recognized that accessible and affordable child care is directly connected to healthy families, strong communities and, just as importantly, our state's economic growth."



ORTIZ Introduces Assembly Resolution to Stop Congress from Fast Tracking a Trans-Pacific Partnership

Assemblyman Felix W. Ortiz furthered his objections to Congress fast tracking a proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership this week by holding a joint press conference with **key labor leaders** from the NYS AFL-CIO, Communications Workers (CWA), Transportation Workers (TWU), CDA Labor Federation, Plumbers Local 7 and NYSUT. A trans-pacific partnership could destroy jobs and eliminate environmental and consumer protections.

