



**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN FELIX W. ORTIZ
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Legislative Highlights through Monday April 7, 2014

**Assemblyman Felix Ortiz Rallies to Raise Awareness of
Teen Dating Violence**

<http://brooklyn.news12.com/news/marchers-raise-teen-dating-violence-awareness-1.7620239>

Assemblyman Ortiz joined the hundreds of New Yorkers who walked across the Brooklyn Bridge this week to bring awareness to the issue of teen dating violence. National statistics indicate that the younger the dater the less likely the victim will report an incident of abuse. Physical and mental abuse in teenagers has long lasting effects. The rally took place to raise awareness of this seriousness of this issue and called on teen victims to tell somebody and to warn friends to watch for the signs of potential offenders.



**State Budget Passes Bringing Universal
Pre-K to New York’s Children**

This year’s state budget included a well- developed, comprehensive, statewide plan to prepare every child for their future. We made child care more affordable, established a Universal Pre-K program, increased school aid to upgrade classrooms and technology, and boosted aid to college tuition assistance programs. We stopped the implementation of Common Core until it will aid in student learning and protect against unfair testing. This budget will reduce taxes and increase job opportunities and economic growth.



Assemblyman Ortiz had his blood tested for kidney disease to help raise awareness and to call for more people to register as organ donors.



The Ongoing Struggle for Fair Elections

“During my first term in office, I introduced a comprehensive campaign finance reform bill that was strongly supported by fair election advocates. The Assembly stands firm on the issue, but the Senate does not support it. It was welcoming to meet the next generation of supporters as they visited Albany this month with those who have worked alongside me since my first term. Welcome and Thank You!!”

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Assemblyman Ortiz meets with parents and representatives from PS 24 in Sunset Park to discuss the new Universal Pre-K program.