



New York State Assembly Weekly Report

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Please learn about two important health issues at these websites:

Find a facility that can help people battling eating disorders at:
<http://columbiapsychiatry.org/eatingdisorders/directions>

Register and become an organ donor at:
<http://donatelife.net/?s=new+york>

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State Education Department Develops Organ and Tissue Donation Resources

Last week, Senate Majority Leader John J. Flanagan, the New York State Education Department and I announced that we will work with organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to develop model curriculum, exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation.

These materials will be made available free for every school district in the state starting in September. In addition to producing guidance materials, the New York State Education Department will remind districts about the materials each year in April as part of Organ Donation Awareness Month.

The State Education Department's new effort to create instructional materials on the importance and value of organ, tissue and blood donations for high school students will improve donation consent rates among the next generation of New Yorkers.

As the sponsor of Lauren's Law that created the Donate Life Registry through DMV applications, I am pleased to announce this next step to help educate young New Yorkers about the importance of organ donations. I look forward to seeing our state's consent rates rise as a result of it.

Last week, the New York Times ran a front page story on my legislation to permit police access to determine if cell phones were used in autos before accidents. The coverage on this topic is now being covered nationally and I am proud to once again take the lead in an important "safe driving" issue.

To read the New York Times article highlighting my legislation [click here](#).

Supporting UFCW Local 1500 at Key Food in Sunset Park. UFCW Local 1500 has over 23,000 of New York's grocery workers. As the largest grocery union in New York, UFCW Local 1500 tirelessly fights for workers' rights and community well-being.

