



Assemblymember

**DAN QUART**

Community Update



Summer 2017

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your loved ones are having a great summer. Before we all turn our attention to summer camps, barbecues and parades, I wanted to update you on some of the work we've been doing to help New Yorkers get ahead.

My priority since day one has been to make New York a more equitable place for all. This year's budget supports that goal by investing in our neighborhoods, making important reforms to our criminal justice system, and an unprecedented commitment to New York City public schools.

This year was my first as Chair of the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology. I'm proud to say we pushed for and secured an extra \$10 million in capital library funding that will go towards critical repairs and improvements to our libraries statewide.

As always, please reach out to my office if you need any help navigating state government, would like to request a meeting with me or my staff, or want to express your views on an issue.

Thank you,

Dan Quart

Assemblymember, District 73



I thought it was important to show Sam, my son, the importance of community organizing. Thanks to Moms Demand Action for organizing this month's rally in Foley Square.



## INVESTING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

During this year's budget process, I worked hard to make sure New York's neighborhoods had the investments they needed to thrive. I took my first year as Chair of the Libraries and Education Technology Committee as an opportunity to empower our communities by increasing funding to our public library system.

For many New Yorkers, their local library is more than just a place to read, it's a lifeline into the community. They provide critical services -- helping immigrants learn English, students access coding classes, job seekers find employment opportunities.

In fact, public libraries are the only source of free Internet access in more than two-thirds

of New York's towns and cities. For many low-income families, the local library is the primary source of Internet access.

With this in mind, I fought to expand New York's commitment to our library system and support the role public libraries play in our everyday lives. I'm proud to report a total of \$24 million was approved in our most recently passed budget for capital library funding, representing an increase of \$10 million from last year.

With increased uncertainty at the federal level, we cannot put access to knowledge and information at risk. A strong library system means a strong New York.

## CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

Are you interested in public service? Would you like to learn more about the democratic process? Do you know a student that is? We are currently accepting applications for part-time interns in my Manhattan and Albany offices. Our internship program is designed to give insight

into the various paths of public service and provide the opportunity to be a part of the daily operations of a state legislator's office.

If you would like more information, please visit the Assembly's website.



*Taking questions from students interested in public service at Yorkville Middle School's Career Day.*



## PRE-K FOR ALL



Access to high-quality pre-K programs help our kids flourish, but for too many families in the Upper East Side that access is out of reach. I was compelled to join with other elected officials and advocates in our community to call for more pre-K seats. It's clear that our neighborhoods are

in need of critical investments for more classrooms to support our youngest learners.

As a father, I know that it's never too early to put our kids on a path to success. Our city officials must step up to help our children gain the skills and tools they need to reach their full potential.

## HONORING A HERO

I was privileged to introduce FDNY Fire Fighter Jimmy Lee on the Assembly floor earlier this year. Fire Fighter Lee is an extraordinary individual, involved in one of the most difficult and daring rescues in recent memory.

Mr. Lee rescued an 81 year old gentleman who was pressed against a window on the fifth floor off a dangling rope literally seconds before that rope was eviscerated by fire.

I know I speak for all New Yorkers when I thank him for his service and courage.



*I loved meeting with these future leaders who are part of the Manhattan Leadership Council.*



## STANDING UP FOR NEW YORKERS



New Yorkers have endured deteriorating subway conditions for far too long – it is unacceptable. Our city cannot adequately run without a reliable subway system.

I've seen its growing dysfunction firsthand during my daily commute. Power outages, extreme delays, and worsening conditions are becoming

routine. New Yorkers deserve better.

These problems were not created overnight and they will not be solved overnight. We need a long-term commitment to New York City's transportation infrastructure problems. Quick fixes and a band-aid approach will simply not address a subway system that dates back over 100 years.

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