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Budget Report

This year's state budget, the third consecutive on-time budget, was another step in the right direction for New York. We made crucial commitments to economic development, families and local governments.

While the budget has many strong points, it is by no means perfect. During negotiations, I supported several key amendments, such as a full restoration of funding for the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, because I believe it is essential to protect the most vulnerable in our society.

Thank you for your help and support as we work to deliver for families in Chautauqua County.

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## Creating Jobs

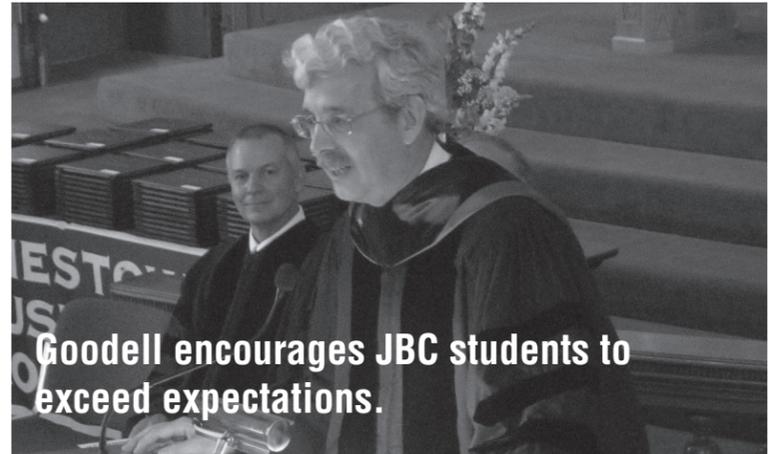
- Voted for legislation to support the electric plant repowering project like NRG in Dunkirk.
- Authorized \$150 million for the Regional Economic Development Councils.
- Implemented the Market-NY program to promote regional tourism and New York products.
- Supported funding to fight invasive species to help maintain Chautauqua Lake and thousands of local jobs.
- Enacted unemployment insurance reforms.



Local business owners are a great asset to our local economy.

## Improving Education

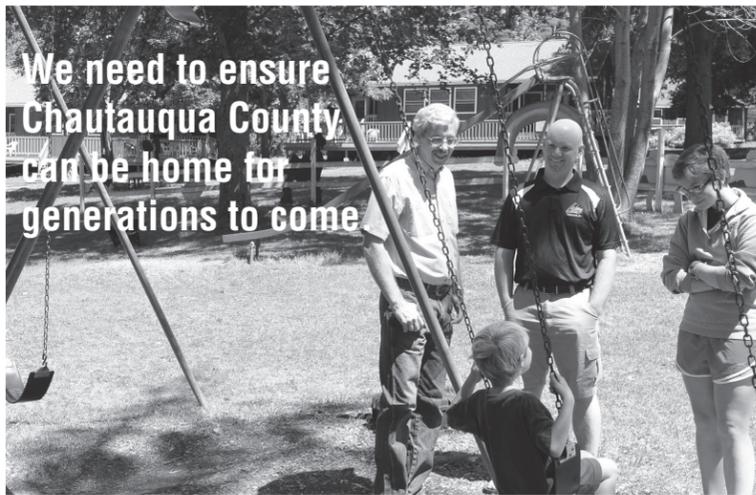
- Increased school funding for Chautauqua County schools by \$9.4 million, an increase of 5.3 percent.
- Provided \$55 million in new funding to continue improvements to the SUNY System.
- Increased support for JCC students to \$2,422 per student, up by \$150 per student.
- Supported public libraries with a \$4 million increase in funding.



Goodell encourages JBC students to exceed expectations.

## Supporting Families

- Provided a record amount of funding for STAR property tax relief.
- Restored funding for EPIC co-payment assistance for seniors.
- Supported the restoration of funding to care for people with developmental disabilities.
- Voted for increased funding for child care centers and other child assistance programs.



We need to ensure Chautauqua County can be home for generations to come.

## Aiding Local Governments

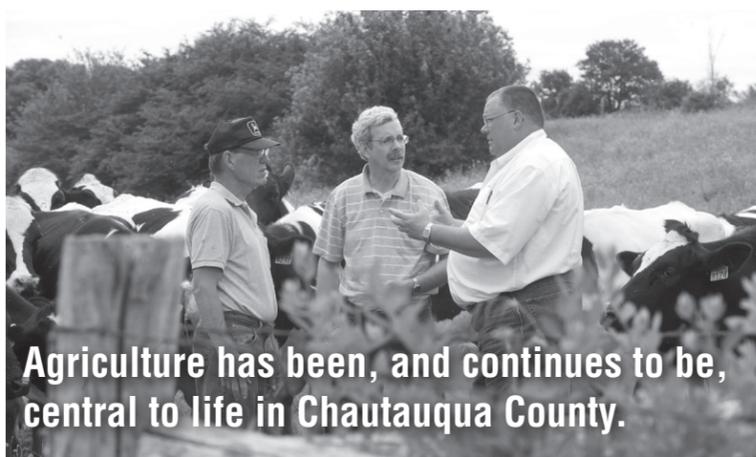
- Dedicated over \$800 million for local roads for the next two years, an increase of \$75 million this year.
- Supported a moratorium on unfunded mandates from Albany that are raising property taxes.
- Cut the local growth of Medicaid, saving Chautauqua County taxpayers over \$810,000 over the last two years.



Additional highway aid will improve local roads and keep taxes lower.

## Growing Agriculture

- Provided \$21.1 million for local agriculture assistance.
- Increased support for the Wine & Grape Foundation, a staple of Chautauqua County's agriculture industry.
- Supported an increase in funding for NYS apple growers and for Farm Net.
- Voted to reduce utility costs for our farmers, small-business owners, and all others.



Agriculture has been, and continues to be, central to life in Chautauqua County.

For more information on this year's state budget or any other legislative initiative:

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