



January 5, 2024

Greetings –

Happy New Year! I hope 2024 is off to a good start for all. There are lots of pressing issues that we must address in Albany this year and I will be providing updates as the work of the legislature progresses.

Governor Hochul Announces Proposal Regarding Childhood Literacy Drawing on My Right to Read Legislation

This week, the Governor previewed some of her priorities for the year ahead. I was glad to join her and my colleagues for her announcement regarding childhood literacy that is aligned with my legislation “The Right to Read Act” ([A.2897/S.5480](#)). The Governor proposed to devote \$10 million to teacher training on the evidence-based methods, expand SUNY and CUNY’s microcredentialing programs for teachers focused on the science of reading, and to require the state to set standards for teaching literacy grounded in evidence-based best practices and for local districts to adopt those standards. Unfortunately, it has to be repeated that for far too long far too many of our children have not been taught to be fluent readers and that is why strong legislation is so necessary. I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues in the legislature to make sure that any legislation passed is robust and comprehensive. Accomplishing the changes needed is going to take the continued activism of those of you who have advocated for reforming how we teach literacy in our state, but the progress being made is significant.



My Dyslexia Task Force Act in the News

I am grateful to those of who sent me words of support on the signing of my “Dyslexia Task Force Act” ([A.133/S.2599](#)). For those of you who would like to learn more you can [watch this story on News12](#).

Supporting Structured Literacy at PS 154

It was great to be at the PS 154 PTA meeting this morning to announce the \$40,000 I secured in the State budget this year for the school's structured literacy programming. Principal Rached and her team are doing amazing work. This is the third such grant I have made to local schools over the past two years. If your school would be interested in a grant for structured literacy, please contact my office.



Mulchfest / Christmas Tree Recycling

Bring your tree to a chipping site on “Chipping Weekend” this Saturday January 6 and Sunday January 7 from 10 -2 to take home a tree-mento! NYC Parks will chip your tree and give you your very own bag of mulch to use in your backyard or to make a winter bed for a [street tree](#). Please remember to remove all lights, ornaments, and netting before bringing the tree to a Mulchfest site.

To participate, just look for a chipping site using the link [here](#).

Weather Alert for this Saturday and Sunday

The NYC Department of Emergency Management has issued a weather alert for this Saturday and Sunday, which you can find [here](#). Hopefully, the City won't be hard hit, but as always, in case of an emergency call 911.

If you have any concerns about any legislative or community issue, please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

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