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EDUCATION

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Greetings,

School is officially back in session! As schools welcome our students and teachers back for the 2017-2018 academic year, I look forward to working with parents, principals and community partners to ensure another great year in the 29th Assembly district.

We face many challenges raising children in today's society, that's why I'm sharing with you my education resource guide. There are many programs and resources that are available to help ensure that our children succeed at every level. Whether your child is entering school, going off to college or you're looking for a new career this guide will help you navigate the complex, and at times, intimidating education system.

I will continue monitoring our schools during the academic year and will be hosting education town halls this fall. As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office at 718-723-5412.

Yours in Service,

*Alicia Hyndman
Assemblywoman 29th District*

Education

Investing in our children's future is a top priority for me. That's why I was glad to pass a budget that helps our kids succeed. This year I was able to:

- Secure a \$1 billion increase in education aid
- Help establish the Excelsior Scholarship, a groundbreaking, first-of-its-kind initiative to make SUNY and CUNY schools tuition-free for New Yorkers who earn less than \$125,000 annually
- Restore \$2.5 million in funding for CUNY ASAP and \$1.5 million for SUNY GAP to help provide remediation to community college students.

Higher Education

CUNY Queens College Partnership

Higher Education is a viable pathway for many families to enter the middle class. Unfortunately, minority enrollment at several institutions of higher learning has lagged behind. To address this issue, my office, along with Queens College President Felix Matos Rodriguez, partnered to help qualified high school students from the 29th Assembly District attend Queens College through the CUNY Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK) program. SEEK provides comprehensive academic support to assist capable students who otherwise might not be able to attend college due to their educational and financial circumstances.

Career and Technical Education

While college is a great option for many students and should be considered, we need to expose our youth to the many career and technical opportunities such as plumbing and electrical training that provide gainful employment with a career track for advancement. That is why I passed legislation to study and make recommendations concerning the feasibility of expanding the number and types of career and technical education schools and programs in our schools. For more information about technical and career education visit www.acces.nysed.gov/bpss.

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Meeting with Queens high school students in Albany during the Queens County Bar Association annual visit.



CUNY Queens College President Felix Matos Rodriguez has been an amazing partner in creating pathways for our high school students to enter higher education institutions, such as Queens College, I'm looking forward to our continued partnership.



Speaking with New York State Department of education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia about ACCES VR and other training programs for young adults.



Speaking at the Queens United middle school graduation. The graduates of Assembly District 29 continue to show that the best schools in New York City are right here in our community.

Education

Navigating the New York City Department of Education (D.O.E.) can be an intimidating process. Whether it is learning about your rights as a parent or understanding your child's Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) here are a few organizations and agencies that can help you through the process:

Family Welcome Center

Monday through Friday • 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
90-27 Sutphin Boulevard, 1st Floor
Jamaica, NY 11435
Districts Served: 27, 28, 29

District Superintendent's office

Your local superintendent's office is an excellent resource for information and guidance. Superintendents communicate New York City Department of Education policy to schools and the public. All superintendents perform statutory duties for each school, including evaluating schools in their districts, appointing principals in district schools, acting as rating officers for principals in the district, approving principal and teacher tenure decisions, and approving school budgets.

District 29 Superintendents Office P.S. 35Q

90-11 191 Street, Room 122, Hollis, NY 11423
Tel: 718-217-7740 Ext. 1222
Fax: 718-217-7739

District 29 Community Education Council

Community and Citywide Education Councils are deliberative bodies that help to shape educational policies and priorities in their districts. CEC members are parent volunteers who provide hands-on leadership and support for their community's public schools.

District 29 Community Education Council P.S./I.S. 147

218-01 116th Avenue, Room 101A
Cambria Heights, NY 11411
Tel: 718-341-5408
Fax: 718-341-5415
cec29@schools.nyc.gov

Advocates for Children

Advocates for Children has a staff of attorneys and education specialists that have successfully helped hundreds of thousands of families by providing free legal and advocacy services, including representation at school-related hearings and appeals, and teaching families what they need to know to stand up for their children's educational rights.

AFC's Education Helpline

Call 866-427-6033
Monday through Thursday • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

the 29th District



Hosted my Annual Engineering Day at SUNY New Paltz for High School Juniors. This program exposes our youth to careers in engineering through hands on demonstrations and classes.



This summer I kicked off my partnership with Google to help bring computer literacy and technology curricula to the students in the 29th Assembly District.



As a supporter of the summer youth employment program, I hosted teenagers and young adults in my office as they learned about state government and developed the professional skills needed to join our workforce.



Meeting with New York City Department of Education Chancellor Carmen Fariña to discuss improvements to Assembly District 29 schools.

Resources

Legal Services of New York City Education Rights Project

The Education Rights Project represents hundreds of NYC schoolchildren every year in special education and discipline proceedings, their team of education advocates works closely with families to access educational supports for their children. They advise and represent public and charter school students who require improved special education services, are facing suspension or exclusion from school, or who seek transfer or medical accommodations.

Education Rights Project

Call 917-661-4500

Monday through Friday • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more education related resources please contact my office at 718-723-5412.

Specialized High School Admission Information Sessions

The information sessions hosted by the NYC Department of Education, will give parents/guardians an opportunity to learn about the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT), the admissions process, find out about LaGuardia High School auditions, and speak to a NYC Department of Education representative. Space is limited and available first-come, first-served.

Saturday, October 7 • 1 p.m.

Laurelton Library

13426 225th Street, Laurelton, NY 11413
718-528-2822

Wednesday, October 11 • 6:30 p.m.

Queens Central Library
89-11 Merrick Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11432
718-900-0793

Saturday, October 21 • 2:30 p.m.

Rochdale Library
169-09 137th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434
718-723-4440

IMPORTANT DATES

District 29 Middle School Fair

Tuesday, October 10th

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Springfield Gardens HS Campus
143-10 Springfield Blvd.
Springfield Gardens, Queens, NY 11413

Queens High Schools Fair

October 14th and 15th

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Francis Lewis High School
58-20 Utopia Parkway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365



Speaking about the effects of new federal policies on our students at the City and State education panel.

Education Resources (cont'd)

SUNY Queens Educational Opportunity Center

This year I voted to include funding for our local Educational Opportunity Center. The Queens EOC provides job training, career counseling and workforce development that offers updated and valuable skills to help residents find gainful employment. The

EOC programs are available to eligible individuals who are interested in furthering their education, and/or enhancing employment and career opportunities when training is completed.

For more information contact (718) 725-3320 or online at <https://queenseoc.wordpress.com/>

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