

Assemblyman
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Reports to the People

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Fall Back to School



Parents, the New York City Department of Education website, www.schools.nyc.gov is a good place to gain access to the many public education resources that are available to you and your family. The website is available in up to 20 different languages, making it accessible to everyone.

Be sure to also sign up for a New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) to get personalized information about your child’s academic progress, and more. Please visit your local library if you need access to a computer.

Mark your calendar now for the high school fairs. At these events, you can meet with representatives from high schools—including the specialized high schools—and DOE admissions specialists. The fair in Queens will be held:

October 5-6, 2019 • Saturday & Sunday • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Queens • Francis Lewis High School
58-20 Utopia Parkway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

**Youth Community Services,
Elmcor, Inc.**

Elmcor Youth & Adult Activities, Inc. is a Queens, New York non-profit, multi-service organization of professionals providing a variety of comprehensive programs that serve all populations from preschool aged children to senior citizens.

RISE UP, Resiliency Inspired Self Empowerment creates Unlimited Program, provides positive alternatives and opportunities to youth, adolescents and young adults.

STEM Saturdays is a free weekend program covering various topics related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S.T.E.M) for 9-16 years of age.

Elmcor was awarded the only Youth Recovery Club House. The Youth Clubhouse is open to all Queens youth ages 12-17 who are in recovery or at risk of substance use and their families.

Please contact Elmcor at 718-651-0096 for further information on any of the above programs.



Queens Public Library

Education truly starts anywhere and at any time. Queens residents may register for the following early childhood, teen and adult education programs at Queen Library branches:

The Toddler Learning Center is open to young children aged from 18 – 38 months. Parents will learn about nutrition, speech development, early literacy and parenting skills, while toddlers become familiar with social environments at a young age. To register, please contact any participating library.

Kick-off to Kindergarten (K2K)

• Children Ages 3-4 Years Old

To prepare children for kindergarten, K2K classes emphasize knowledge of letters and numbers, as well as promote at-home literacy and conflict analysis strategies for parents. To register, please contact any participating library.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)

• Children that are 4 Years Old

Universal Pre-Kindergarten is open to children when they become 4 years old by December 31 of the school year in which they are enrolled in the program. UPK gives children the foundations they need to succeed academically and socially once they begin elementary school.

STACKS

• A free afterschool program for children Ages 6-14 Years Old

STACKS was created to enhance your child's learning experiences through structured and unstructured, age-appropriate activities in a



safe and welcoming environment that helps school-aged children build their emotional, social and academic skills. STACKS operates throughout the school year (including school holidays), Monday – Friday, 3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Job & Business Academy

Queens Library's Job & Business Academy provides specialized training and learning opportunities, with an emphasis on technology training, to job seekers, aspiring entrepreneurs, and business owners. Queens Library helps prepare participants for the modern workforce by combining the Job & Business Academy's individual counselling, in person workshops, and online learning opportunities with complementary services provided by the library's Adult Learner Program and New Americans Program.

To inquire about class registration or make a one-on-one appointment, please go to or contact one of their main locations.

Central Library

**89-11 Merrick Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11432
718-990-8625**

Tax Relief for Low-Income Households

Having some extra money would certainly help throughout the school year. If your gross income is \$18,000 or less and you pay \$450 or less for rent or own your own home, you may qualify for a tax credit. The amount of the credit is determined by three things: age, income and the rent (or real property taxes) you pay. You may claim credit for past years. Complete and file IT-214 before these dates:

Tax year 2016 ➔ April 20, 2020

Tax year 2017 ➔ April 19, 2021

Who doesn't qualify?

- The combined gross income of all members of your household is over \$18,000.
- You can be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer.
- The residence is wholly exempt from real property taxation.
- The current market value of all real property you own (garages, houses, and land) exceeds \$85,000.
- The average monthly rent (not including heat, gas, electricity) exceeds \$450 per month.
- Part of the residence is rented and the income derived from nonresidential purposes exceeds 20 percent of the total rent.

Call the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance (518-453-8146) to obtain form IT-214 or visit www.tax.ny.gov to file it online for free.



The Power of Your Vote



*Assemblyman Aubry
meeting with members of the NAACP*

As our young people are getting ready to graduate from high school they can now benefit (as can all eligible New Yorkers) from the new NYS voter registrations laws:

They can as a 17 year-old register to vote if they will reach their 18th birthday by the end of the calendar year.

New Yorkers can register, re-register and make address changes at many state and local offices serving the public, including the departments of Labor, Social Services and Motor Vehicles, as well as state and city universities.

New Yorkers moving anywhere within New York State will automatically have their registration transferred to the new address and the Board of Elections will send confirmation to you when it receives the address change.

Voter registration form is also available at:
www.elections.ny.gov/votingregister.html

For further information,
contact the NYS Voter
Registration Hotline at
800-367-8683



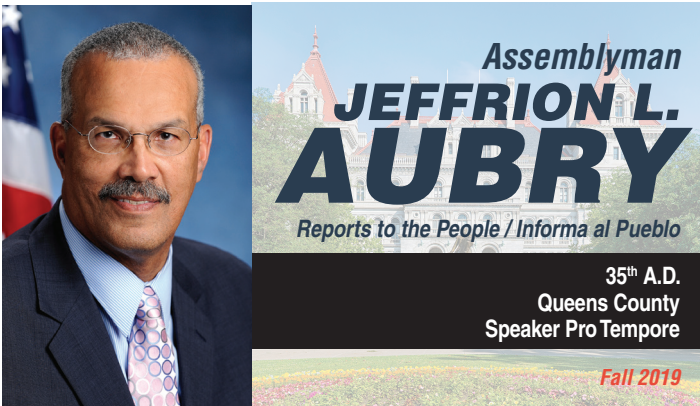
Marijuana Expungement Law

Under New York's new Marijuana Expungement law, residents will no longer be prosecuted for possession of up to 2 ounces of marijuana. Instead, they will be in violation and be charged a maximum of \$200 for possession of 2 ounces and \$50 for possession of 1 ounce. The new law does not legalize the possession of marijuana. Public smoking and commercialization of marijuana remains illegal.

New Yorkers will also be eligible to have B-level marijuana convictions wiped clean from their records. Individuals can also petition the courts to destroy their records, but this is subject to a court order.

It is my hope that this new law will ease the burden on New Yorkers, especially people of color who have been disproportionately impacted by current drug laws, who are living with a criminal record as a result of the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

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