



April 29, 2022

Greetings---

It has been a huge week for my literacy advocacy efforts, both here in New York and abroad. First, I had the honor of participating in the World Dyslexia Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden. Educators, elected officials, policy makers, business professionals, artists, and many others participated in the event at the Royal Palace of Sweden. The World Dyslexia Assembly brings together people from around the world to solve education issues facing dyslexic students and to explore how to better imagine our schools and businesses and to support and highlight people with dyslexia. I am especially proud that I helped coordinate the NYC Department of Education and the Mayor's office in not only participating in the event but agreeing to host next year's assembly in New York City!



Also this week, I am excited to report that a bill I have been working on for years, ([A.2185-A/S.441-B](#)), which would establish a statewide task force on Dyslexia unanimously passed the Assembly Education Committee. This bill represents New York State's first step towards holistically addressing the literacy crisis in our schools. With only 35% of 4th graders reading at grade level, it's clearer to me than ever that we must follow the science and fully implement evidence-based screening and reading interventions for children with dyslexia and related disorders. The legislation will require the Commissioner of the New York State Education Department to establish a task force to examine appropriate and effective evidence-based screening methods, reading interventions and other educational supports for dyslexia and related disorders for students in kindergarten through grade five. The task force will be chaired by the Commissioner and comprised of no less than ten members, all appointed by the Commissioner and will include:

- at least two professionals who specialize in identifying, evaluating, and diagnosing individuals with dyslexia and related disorders
- at least one member who specializes in educating individuals with dyslexia and related disorders
- at least one parent of a student with dyslexia;
- at least one individual with dyslexia
- at least one representative from an institute of higher education who is an expert in dyslexia and related disorders.

The task force will conduct at least two public hearings and submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and President of the Senate within eighteen months after it becomes law.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



FROM
**ASSEMBLY MEMBER
ROBERT CARROLL**



**MY ASSEMBLY BILL (A-2185-A) ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE TASK FORCE ON
DYSLEXIA UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Requires the New York State Education Department Commissioner to establish a task force for dyslexic students in kindergarten through grade five.

“My legislation will mandate the use of appropriate and effective evidence-based screening methods, reading interventions, and other educational supports, for dyslexia and related disorders for all New York State students from kindergarten through the fifth grade. From here, my legislation goes to a vote before the State Assembly Ways & Means Committee, where I urge my colleagues to support this bill, which will provide much-needed direction and leadership in the fight to assist all children with reading disorders.”

As a person with dyslexia who had the extraordinary benefit of being diagnosed early and given the proper interventions, I know first-hand how much of a difference evidence-based reading

interventions can make for not just dyslexic kids like me, but for all our students. I look forward to the bill being favorably reported out of Ways and Means and onto the floor in the coming weeks. The bill is sponsored in the Senate by Senator Brad Hoylman, who has done a wonderful job advocating for it as well, so I am hopeful we're going to pass the bill through both chambers before the end of the legislative session.

Upcoming Spring Constituent Events:

The MTA Metrocard Van is back in front of my District Office on 5/31. See other information and locations below:

The MTA MetroCard Van is Coming to Park Slope!

Sponsored by Assemblymember Robert Carroll



Tuesday, May 31st
10am - 2pm
416 7th Avenue



Services Offered:

- Get help with a Reduced-Fare application
- Transfer MetroCard balances (Full fare and Reduced-Fare)
- Exchange a damaged Reduced-Fare MetroCard for a temporary replacement
- Report a lost/stolen Reduced-Fare MetroCard
- Ask our team about any MetroCard-related issues

**If you can't come on May 31st,
here is the regular MetroCard Bus/Van Schedule for Brooklyn**

| Location | Day | Time |
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| Sheepshead Bay at 3520 Nostrand Ave (Between Avenue V & Avenue W) | 1st Tuesday | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. |
| Starrett City at Pennsylvania Ave & Twin Pines Dr | 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. |
| Coney Island at Neptune Ave (Between West Fifth St & Sixth St) | 1st Tuesday | 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. |
| Flatlands at Kings Plaza Shopping Mall (Avenue U & Flatbush Ave) | 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| Flatlands at 2424 Ralph Ave (Avenue N & Mill Lane) | 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. |
| Bensonhurst at 86 St & Bay Pkwy | 2nd & 4th Friday | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. |
| Bay Ridge at 86 St & Fourth Ave | 2nd & 4th Friday | 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. |



For additional information on this event or any other local or state issue,
please call Assemblymember Robert Carroll's District Office at 718-788-7221



Annual Free Rain Barrel Distribution

We will be doing our annual Spring Rain Barrel distribution sometime in May. Date and Time to be determined. Quantities are limited. First Come First Served, constituents are given priority. You must [reserve here](#).

If you have questions or concerns about any community or legislative matter please email carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

-Bobby

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