



April 10, 2026

Greetings –

This week, the Assembly and State Senate passed a second budget extender bill to April 14th ensuring state workers will be paid while budget negotiations continue. I anticipate having more information to share on the budget next week.

Today’s Story On The Daily Illustrates Why We Must Pass My Right to Read Legislation

On today’s episode of the Daily, New York Times education reporter Sarah Mervosh breaks down how Mississippi moved from near the bottom in early childhood reading metrics to one of the top performers nationwide. [You can listen to the full story here.](#) My Right to Read bill, [A.78](#), draws on key lessons learned from Mississippi, including the adoption of statewide standards mandating evidence-based pedagogy and aligned professional development for teachers and other staff. Last fall, I released a series of videos on how New York can address the literacy crisis. You can [watch my “Ban the Guessing Game” here.](#)

Governor Hochul correctly announced her Administration’s commitment to evidence-based practices in 2024 and language included in the Fiscal 2024-2025 Enacted Budget moved in this direction, but the passage of [A.78](#) is critical if we are to ensure that every child can become a fluent reader and successful student.

The fact remains that New York State has not adopted a systematic approach to teaching reading and almost 70% of 4th graders in New York State scored below grade level in reading according to the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) 2024 test.

While Mississippi has been a leader, more and more states and localities are adopting policies and practices grounded in evidence-based practices. Pennsylvania, California and New Jersey are recent examples. New York’s children should not be left behind.

Affordable Solar for Affordable Housing: NYC Solar Incentives Teach-In

The non-profit organization Solar One is hosting a teach-in featuring my bill [A.5959](#). This builds on my legislation passed by the Assembly and signed into law in 2023 extending and enhancing the property tax abatement for solar and energy storage projects for properties in NYC. [A.5959](#) would allow nonprofit owned properties and affordable housing developments to access a comparable incentive by providing a direct-pay credit equivalent to the tax abatements. Affordable housing

advocates and developers will be speaking on the challenges and opportunities for solar for affordable housing. [You can register here.](#)

Standing up for Small Business

On Wednesday, I joined Mayor Zohran Mamdani, Council Member Shahana Hanif, Deputy Mayor Julie Su, and Commissioner Samuel A.A. Levine of the NYC Department of Worker and Consumer Protection at a press conference announcing a major win for New York City's small restaurants.



After an investigation, the City secured more than \$875,000 from HungryPanda for violating our Third-Party Food Delivery Service Laws – charging illegal fees that hit small, often immigrant-owned restaurants the hardest. These businesses are the backbone of our neighborhoods and our local economy. When delivery apps break the law and siphon off hard-earned revenue, it doesn't just

hurt restaurant owners – it weakens entire communities. I am proud to stand with the Mamdani Administration as we continue fighting to protect restaurants, workers, and consumers across our city.

My Appearance on the Morning People

This week I appeared on the Morning People with Pat Kiernan and Jamie Stelter to talk about bringing the Winter Olympics to New York State through a joint New York City - Lake Placid bid. [You can watch the interview here.](#)

Save the Date: Annual Spring Clean and Green

Sunday, May 3rd - 10 am to 2 pm at Park Circle in Prospect Park

E-waste collection, paper shredding, textile recycling, plus representatives from Brooklyn cultural institutions, community organizations and city agencies with giveaways and information.

[Sign-up by completing the form here.](#)



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Spring Clean & Green



Sunday, May 3

10 am – 2 pm

At Park Circle in Prospect Park

(Entrance to Prospect Park on Prospect Park Southwest & Parkside Avenue, Across from TD Bank)



E-Cycling: computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs and DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones and PDAs <https://www.lesecologycenter.org/calendar/prospect-park/> (no air conditioners, appliances, batteries or media such as discs, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, etc.)

Textile Recycling: clothing, shoes, towels, hats, bags, gloves, linens and bedding, curtains, clean fabric

FREE Paper Shredding: Stay ahead of ID thieves and shred your important documents (no magazines, cardboard, metal or plastic)

Representatives from the following Agencies, Cultural Institutions and Community Organizations will be tabling at the event to offer information, demonstrations, and giveaways:

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



Information and Giveaways



Information About New Programs and Tours



Crime Prevention Team



Save the Date: Free Paper Shredding - Thursday April 30th

FREE PAPER SHREDDING!



Stay a step ahead of scammers and fraudsters at Assemblymember Robert Carroll's **FREE** paper shredding event. Watch your documents go into the NYC Department of Sanitation on-site Shred Truck



**THURSDAY
APRIL 30, 2026**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

416 7th Avenue

(between 13th and 14th Streets)

For more information on this free event or any other community concern, please contact the office of **Assemblymember Robert Carroll** at **718-788-7221**.

No reservation is necessary, just walk up to the truck with your paper to shred.
Remove all plastic and metal
No cardboard

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

-Bobby

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