



## SENATOR JIM ALESI



**Community Update: 06/20/12**

### **Senate Passes Bill to Prevent Cyberbullying**

*Legislation Provides School Districts and Parents with the Additional Tools they Need to Address Bullying and Cyberbullying*

On Monday, the Senate passed a bill ([S.7740](#)) that would provide further protections and procedures for students who are bullied or cyberbullied. The legislation clarifies and expands the Dignity for All Students Act, an anti-cyberbullying law enacted in 2010, and creates guidelines for local school districts to develop policies and procedures to address the problem. The legislation encompasses those forms of bullying which hinder children's experiences in the classroom and works to create a safer learning environment.

Incidences of cyberbullying are increasing as more and more young people have access to various forms of technology - including social networking sites - both at school and at home. It is important that we work to prevent bullying in order to create a safe learning environment for our children. I remain committed to ensuring that all students have a safe environment in which to learn, free from harassment.

To read more about the legislation, which is also supported by Governor Cuomo and the Assembly, please click [here](#).

---

### **Rochester Jazz Fest is June 22nd-30th**



The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Rochester International Jazz Festival returns this week, beginning Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and running through Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. This year's festival features more than 1,000 musicians from 14 countries performing at over 300 concerts. Visit the Rochester Jazz Festival [website](#) for the complete schedule, map, and artist information.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, I am a firm believer that a solid arts and cultural community enhances the overall quality of life for the residents and also acts as an enticement for economic development and revitalization. Throughout my tenure in the Legislature, I have been proud to secure funding for the arts in the Rochester and Monroe County region, including: The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Strong Museum, Rochester Museum and Science Center, Genesee Country Museum, Garth Fagan Dance, Nazareth College Arts Center, Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester City Ballet, The Rochester Broadway Theatre League, and many more.

---

### First Day of Summer

With the official start of summer **today**, more bikers are bound to be outside enjoying the weather. Sharing the road with cyclists and observing the rules of the road is everyone's job. Keep in mind that when riding a bicycle, basic traffic laws that apply to a motorist also apply to a cyclist. That includes stopping at red lights, stop signs, or before entering roadways. To review basic safety reminders, including helmet safety and regulations, click [here](#).

Bicycling in our area has become popular in our parks, along the canal, and in our neighborhoods. The best defense against accidents is safe and skilled handling of the bicycle. If we all do our part to stay alert on the road, we can minimize accidents and maximize enjoyment for all cyclists this summer. Happy First Day of Summer and Happy Cycling!



220 Packett's Landing | Fairport, NY, 14450 | (585) 223-1800

---

ALESI@NYSENATE.GOV | WWW.ALESI.NYSENATE.GOV