



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

John W. Mannion

## Senator Mannion Introduces Legislation Providing Early Intervention Workforce With \$500 Tax Credit For Purchase Of Supplies And Learning Materials

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SYRACUSE, NY – Senator John W. Mannion today announced new legislation to provide the Early Intervention workforce with a \$500 New York State tax credit for the purchase of supplies and learning materials.

Every day, dedicated professionals work tirelessly to help babies and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays reach their full potential. These Early Intervention workers play a critical role in a child's development, providing crucial support during the most formative years.

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*Senator John W. Mannion said, “Anyone who has spent time in a classroom or a learning environment has reached into their own pocket to purchase supplies to support their students. From learning tools to activity materials, these out-of-pocket expenses can add up quickly, placing an undue financial burden and potentially impacting the ability to stay in the profession. My legislation recognizes these challenges and provides needed relief and a token of appreciation to a dedicated workforce. I look forward to working with my colleagues and the governor to pass this into law in 2024.”*

Senator Mannion was recently appointed by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins to serve on the state’s Early Intervention Coordinating Council (EICC). The EICC assists the New York State Department of Health with the administration of the Early Intervention Program and makes recommendations to the Department regarding appropriate services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Senator Mannion’s office participated in the EICC meeting on December 14th.

The bill replicates a similar federal tax deduction that is available for teachers. Senator Mannion seeks to alleviate some of the financial strain on this vital workforce by reducing out-of-pocket expenses. The tax deduction would provide much-needed financial relief with a goal of making the Early Intervention profession more sustainable and able to attract and retain talent.

Senator Mannion also aims to enhance the quality of services through a wider range of supplies and materials, leading to richer learning experiences and better outcomes for children.