

## Community Update: Summary of the Enacted State Budget

SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER April 30, 2024

Dear Friends,

The first few months of 2024 have been busy, with another budget season coming to a close. I am pleased to share that the Senate and Assembly have now passed, and the Governor has signed, the FY 2024-2025 New York State Budget. This e-newsletter will provide you with a summary of the adopted budget and I will be sending out another e-newsletter shortly.

The road to this year's budget was challenging, but my colleagues and I were determined to fight for the best possible overall outcome for New Yorkers. As with all budgets, the FY 2024 - 2025 New York State Budget is the result of compromise. But I choose to celebrate what we *did* do, not what we *could not*.

This budget represents our commitment to the "big tent" approach I hold for our district — from our kids in the cities to the rural communities, from the suburban neighborhoods to urban centers. Our job is to expand the range of opportunities for every New Yorker and to zealously represent the communities we serve. I've tried to do just that.

Since the Governor announced the Executive Budget Proposal in January – her proposal for how the state will spend its money – I have heard from so many of you about the Governor's proposals, including proposed cuts to Foundation Aid for public school funding. In my

advocacy, I shared many of your concerns, and I deeply appreciate everyone who took the time to express their thoughts and offer feedback. Please continue reading to learn more about the significant accomplishments in the budget as well as the areas I wish had seen greater improvement.

If there is anything my office can assist you with, please email me at <a href="mailto:smayer@nysenate.gov">smayer@nysenate.gov</a> or call (914) 934-5250.

Read the full Community Update here.

Warm regards,

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