



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## State Senate Democrats Launch Statewide Budget Forums

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With New York state facing the biggest budget crisis in a generation, Senate Democrats will convene a series of local forums around the state to get input and advice from officials, institutions and organizations whose interests are at stake.

Forums will focus on the key budget areas of health, education, higher education, and social services, and will include public input on proposals for budget savings submitted by Governor Paterson and budget priorities for the coming year.

Notice of the public forum can be accessed online at: [http://nyssenate14.com/14/news/08-12-01/public\\_forum\\_notice.aspx](http://nyssenate14.com/14/news/08-12-01/public_forum_notice.aspx).

**Senate Standing Committee on Education** – Sen. Suzi Oppenheimer, Ranking Member

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance** – Sen. William T. Stachowski, Ranking Member

**Senate Standing Committee on Higher Education** – Sen. Toby Ann Stavisky, Ranking Member

**Senate Standing Committee on Health** – Sen. John L. Sampson, Ranking Member

**Senate Standing Committee on Social Services, Children and Family** – Sen. Carl Kruger, Chair;  
Sen. Velmanette Montgomery, Ranking Member

**SCHEDULE:**

**December 9, 2008**      9:00 AM   Buffalo Museum of Science  
1020 Humboldt Pkwy #1  
Buffalo, NY

**\*Co-Hosts:** Senators William T. Stachowski and Antoine M. Thompson

**December 11, 2008**      10:00 AM   Brookhaven Town Hall  
1 Independence Hill  
Farmingville, NY

**\*Host:** Senator-elect Brian X. Foley

**December 19, 2008**      10:00 AM   SUNY-Oswego-Hewitt Union  
7060 Route 104  
Oswego, NY

**\*Co-Hosts:** Senators Darrel J. Aubertine and David J. Valesky

The press is encouraged to attend.