

Senate Democratic Conference Pushes for Equitable Disbursement of Aid

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After Senate Republicans Ignore Hundreds of School Districts the Senate Democratic Conference Proposes Legislation to Provide \$25 Million in Aid to Schools Throughout all of New York State

(Albany, NY) – Senator Neil D. Breslin (D – Delmar) and his Senate Democratic Conference colleagues today brought a resolution to the Senate floor to provide \$5 million in aid to schools.

Last Tuesday, late in the evening, the Republican Majority brought a resolution to the floor that provided almost \$10 million to school districts only in Republican districts, without giving Democratic Senators an opportunity to read it before calling for a vote. "All students need the best possible education, not just those in Republican districts," explained Senator Breslin.

The funds for today's resolution are available from last year's budget, but were not included in the \$10 million package provided to schools only in Republican-represented districts. "All schools throughout the Capital District and New York State, not simply those represented by Republican Senators, are in need of additional funds during these difficult times," explained

Senator Breslin.

Senator Breslin also sponsored legislation (S. 6450a) today that passed the Senate to benefit the Guilderland Public Library. The Guilderland Public Library are hoping to expand and renovate the library and add additional space for their children and teens. They would also like to add a Local History Center that would allow their residents to research local and family history as well as providing additional space for their very successful and well attended public programs. "This legislation will help enhance the organization's ability to meet its goals," stated Breslin.

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