

## Senator Michael Venditto Honors North Bellmore Superintendent Marie Testa

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At a ceremony in Albany on Tuesday, May 5, Senator Michael Venditto (R, C, I- Massapequa) presented North Bellmore School Superintendent Marie Testa with the NYS Senate's annual Woman of Distinction Award.

In 2013, Mrs. Testa was appointed by the North Bellmore Board of Education as the first female Superintendent of Schools. As an educator, she has been honored by News 12 as the Long Island Educator of the Month, nominated for Disney's American Teacher Award and honored by the Ithaca College/Hofstra University research and publication collaborative. In her short tenure in her new position, she has shown herself to be an inspirational leader who

is committed to her community, school district, and to offering all children a challenging and rigorous curriculum while educating the whole child.

"Superintendent Testa is a community leader whose influence extends far beyond the boundaries of North Bellmore," said Senator Venditto. "I applaud her leadership and her accomplishments in education and commend her for her contributions to create the best opportunities for the next generation of Long Islanders. I am both humbled and honored to recognize her with this distinguished award."

Senator Venditto is pictured above with Superintendent Marie Testa before the evening's award ceremony.