



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Golden Statement on New York City's Designation of Asian Lunar New Year as a Public School Holiday

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Brooklyn- State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn) has issued the following statement following today's announcement of the City's designation of Asian Lunar New Year as an official Department of Education school holiday:

"Today, I am pleased that the City has made official the recognition of the Asian Lunar New Year, following the State Legislature's approval of such legislation. Today, we can all agree that New York has fulfilled its promise to the Asian American community to make the Lunar New Year an official school holiday," said Senator Marty Golden.

"New York City students can now spend the Asian Lunar holiday with their families without the stress of missing school. I commend my colleagues and all the Asian business, civic and community groups that worked together to make this a reality. It is vitally important that we continue to work together to ensure our entire State remains culturally sensitive and promotes our ethnic diversity," continued Senator Golden.

Earlier this month, the State Legislature adopted legislation sponsored by Senator Golden and Assemblyman Ron Kim, respectively in their chamber, that established the official school holiday for New York City public schools, or in communities with an Asian population of 7.5% or more.