



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Todd Kaminsky

Sen. Kaminsky Addresses Orthodox Union Mission to Albany

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(Albany, New York) — Today, Senator Todd Kaminsky addressed hundreds of yeshiva students and parents at the State Capitol as part of the Orthodox Union's ("OU") Teach NYS Mission to Albany. The Senator also met later with local parents, teachers and students from the Five Towns and West Hempstead. Kaminsky hosted Rabbi Adam Englander, Head of School at HALB, as he delivered the daily invocation before the State Senate.

"Ensuring that all students have access to a world-class education must be a top priority and it is imperative that adequate funding for our community's yeshivas be included in the state budget," said Senator Todd Kaminsky. "Yeshivas continue to excel and provide students with a top-notch dual-curriculum education to prepare students for a competitive world. This funding will go a long way toward educating and protecting our children, and I look forward to continuing to work hard to ensure that our yeshivas get the funding they deserve"

Senator Kaminsky has been a staunch advocate in the fight to ensure that all children receive a top-notch education, and secured nearly \$300 million for yeshivas in last year's budget, as well as full reimbursement for STEM programming. He also sponsored legislation to require the state to procure cost-price energy to non-public schools, slashing their energy costs in half, according to research by the OU. Additionally, Kaminsky worked hard to advance the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes, bringing back tens of millions of dollars for local schools and community institutions to fund additional security, training, door-hardening, cameras and other related upgrades to help keep these vital institutions safe.

"It was a pleasure to speak with local yeshiva students, teachers and parents from our community about what issues they would like me to advocate for in Albany, and I look forward to continuing to fight for our yeshivas and our community at-large," Senator Kaminsky concluded.