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Kaplan, Kaminsky and Solages Secure More Than \$78.5 Million for Elmont & Sewanhaka

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(Albany, New York) — Senators Anna Kaplan and Todd Kaminsky as well as Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages announced that they helped secure \$78,577,915 in state aid for local public schools serving the Elmont community. Elmont Public Schools received \$30,061,405 — an increase of \$2,691,157, or 9.83 percent — from last year’s budget. The Sewanhaka Central High School District was given \$48,516,510 in the budget — a boost of \$6,815,108, or 16.34 percent —

from last year. The funding is part of the 2021-2022 state budget.

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“Our public schools are the key to creating opportunity for the next generation to excel and thrive, and that’s why my top priority in the state budget is always to fight for our schools to have the resources they need to give our kids a great education, while reducing the burden on local taxpayers,” said Senator Anna M. Kaplan. “I’m proud to have helped secure record funding for Elmont and Sewanhaka schools in this year’s state budget, and I will continue fighting to ensure our kids have access to the educational opportunity they deserve.”

“Providing a high-quality education for our children is my top priority, and strengthening the school district is integral to ensuring that Elmont remains a wonderful place to live and raise a family,” said Senator Todd Kaminsky. “I am proud to have helped secure more funding for Elmont schools so that our students can get the first-rate education they deserve. Importantly, the more money we secure from Albany, the less local taxpayers are called on to shoulder the financial burden.”

“I am proud to stand up for public education in New York State. Working with my colleagues in government, we advocated to ensure the schools within the districts we represent fulfill the mission of educating our students,” stated Assemblywoman Michaelle C. Solages. “The pandemic has presented many challenges to our schools. COVID-19 has revealed many of the injustices facing students, from inadequate internet access to housing instability and food insecurity. With adequate funding, our educators can help reduce the educational gaps and increase opportunities for students.”

This funding is part of a \$3 billion increase in school aid state-wide from last year.