



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Simcha Felder

## Senator Simcha Felder and Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein Budget Highlights

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The graphic features two circular portraits side-by-side. On the left is Senator Simcha Felder, and on the right is Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein. Below each portrait is their title and name in bold. The background of the graphic is a blurred image of the New York State Capitol building.

State Senator  
**Simcha Felder**

Assemblyman  
**Simcha Eichenstein**

*New York recently passed its \$212 billion budget, the largest in state history.*

**As your local representatives in Albany,  
we've been fighting for YOU!**

*Here are some of the highlights and achievements that we have  
been fighting for that are included in the new budget:*

Senator Simcha Felder and Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein highlight some of the victories and achievements they have been fighting for that are included in New York state's newly passed budget

Budget Highlight	How does this impact you?
<b>Transportation Reimbursement to Private Schools</b>	Private schools will be reimbursed for transportation expenses incurred during the pandemic lockdown. This allows parents to continue receiving free transportation for their children to and from school.
<b>Free Private School Busing Expanded</b>	Hundreds of families have recently moved to Staten Island but continue to send their children to non-public schools in Brooklyn. They will now be eligible for free school transportation. This additional service for Staten Island residents expands Senator Felder's historic school busing bill.
<b>Increase in TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)</b>	TAP helps New Yorkers pay tuition at approved schools. These educational grants have been increased by \$500 and now provide up to \$5,665 in tuition funding.
<b>\$1 Billion in Grants and Tax Credits for Small Businesses</b>	Small businesses that lost revenue due to the pandemic can apply for grants directly from NYS. Eligible small businesses are those who are unable to receive federal grants.
<b>\$2.3 Billion for Rent Relief to Tenants and Landlords</b>	This includes 12 months of back rent and utilities and three prospective months of rent assistance for tenants experiencing financial hardships. Tenants AND landlords may apply.
<b>Middle Class Tax Cuts</b>	Lower income tax rates for single filers who earn between \$21,400 and \$215,400, and joint filers who earn between \$43,000 and \$323,300
<b>\$2.5 Billion Increase in Child Care Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· \$2.4 billion in child care programming.</li> <li>· \$105 million expansion of full-day Pre-K programs, including at private school.</li> </ul>
<b>\$85 Million Towards Food Banks and Food Distribution Programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· \$50 million for Nourish New York</li> <li>· \$35 million for Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program</li> </ul>
<b>\$40 Million in Safety and Security Grants for Nonpublic Schools and Nonprofits</b>	To keep you and your family safe, New York is offering grants designed to boost safety and security at non-public schools, day care centers, and other non-profit institutions which are at risk of being targeted by hate crimes.
<b>\$450 Million in Additional Funding for HEAP</b>	HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) helps low-income NYers heat their homes. This year, \$450 million in additional funding has been allocated for HEAP, bringing the total to \$950 million.
<b>Improving Maternal and Post-partum Health</b>	Extends Medicaid coverage for pregnant women from 60 days after pregnancy to one year

As more details emerge, we will continue to update you on how to take advantage of these new initiatives.