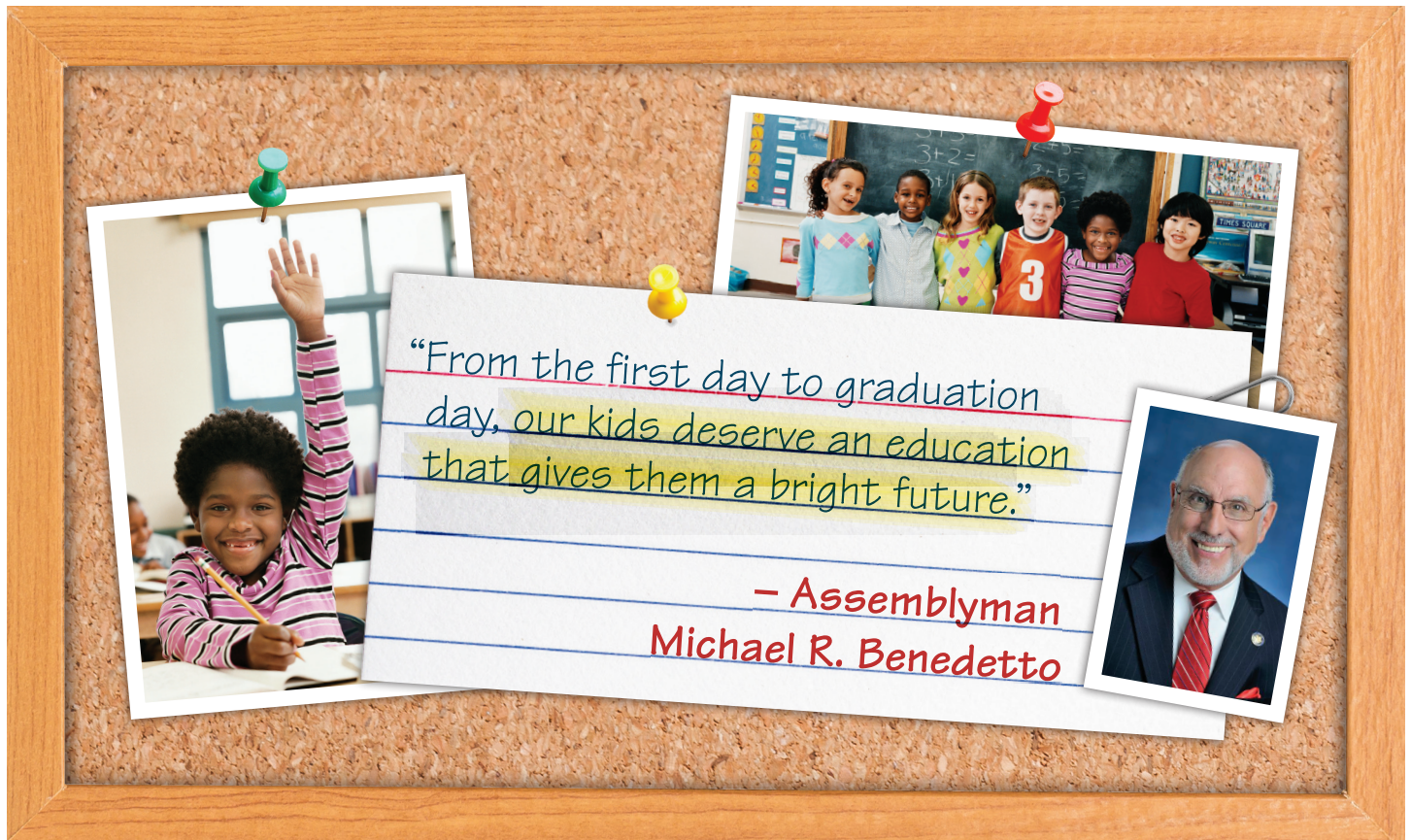


Assemblyman  
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Look inside to see how  
the state budget makes  
a record investment in  
New York students



"From the first day to graduation  
day, our kids deserve an education  
that gives them a bright future."

- Assemblyman  
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**Assemblyman Benedetto:**  
**State budget a win for Bronx students**



**Investing in a brighter future**

- ✓ Record \$26.6 billion in education funding, nearly \$1 billion more than last year, to prepare students for a bright future
- ✓ \$827 million for pre-K programs so our youngest learners get a head start
- ✓ Increased funding for public libraries to help community members of all ages access resources and learn new skills

**Helping kids stay focused on learning**

- ✓ \$200 million to help high-need schools become community schools, supporting at-risk students and their families
- ✓ \$10 million for Empire State After School awards so more students have a safe place to go when class ends
- ✓ Invests in Breakfast After the Bell and Farm to School programs and bans meal shaming to ensure no child is hungry at school



**Putting the college dream within reach**

- ✓ \$118 million for the Excelsior Scholarship, making SUNY and CUNY tuition-free for eligible students
- ✓ \$12.1 million for SUNY and \$6.3 million for CUNY community colleges
- ✓ Funds college opportunity programs to help disadvantaged students live up to their promise