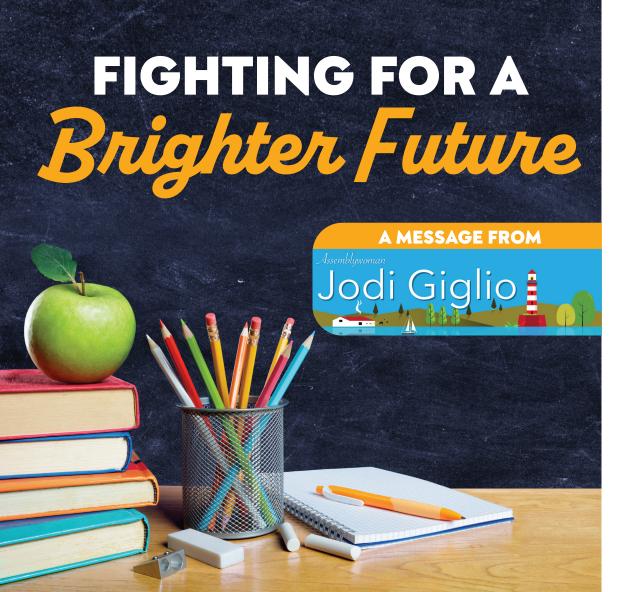


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## HERE'S WHAT INVESTING IN **OUR FUTURE LOOKS LIKE:**

- Ensure Long Island districts get their fair share of the \$1.7 billion increase in education spending. This year's state budget secured a 5.4% increase (\$270 million) in funding for Long Island from New York State for the 2025-26 school year.<sup>1</sup>
- Expanded Universal Free School Meals to all schools enrolled in federal school meal programs so breakfast and lunch can be offered at no cost.2

- Increasing the BOCES aidable salary cap starting in the 2026-27 school year to enhance and strengthen Career and Technical Education Programs.<sup>3</sup>
- The 2025-26 state budget provided investment in programs that support professional development opportunities.4
- The 2025-26 state budget increased funding for libraries, ensuring students and communities will have access to these resources.4,5



