



Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi

State Budget Highlights – Assembly District 28



Assemblyman Hevesi Unites his Colleagues and Delivers Historic Investment in Child Care

After a challenging two years for our families, legislators made it a priority in this year's state budget to provide mental health care and tools to help children process the trauma and uncertainty they have faced.

As the Chair of the Children and Families Committee, Assemblyman Hevesi spearheaded this historic investment in children and families, including:

- Investing **\$7 billion** for child care over 4 years to increase child care subsidy eligibility from 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 300% FPL. A family of 3 may now earn up to \$69,090 per year (previous limit was \$46,060) and receive this subsidy, making an additional **400,000** children eligible for care.
- Increasing the market rate at which New York State pays care providers, from the 69th percentile to the 80th percentile. This increase will allow providers to raise their revenue, hire additional staff, and make investments in program expansions to offer more services.
- Investing **\$375 million** over the next three years to expand universal Pre-K to all of New York State.
- Investing **\$343 million** in immediately available stabilization grants for child care providers, with 75% of these funds going towards wage increases.
- Investing **\$50 million** for capital improvements to child care facilities.
- Investing **\$15.6 million** across SUNY and CUNY campuses to offer child care on site.
- Investing **\$11 million** in home visiting programs.
- Investing **\$2.5 million** in YouthBuild.
- Investing **\$188 million** for a supplemental Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), **\$287 million** for a supplemental child tax credit for families, and **\$25 million** for a five-year property tax abatement for property owners who create a new or expand an existing centers.

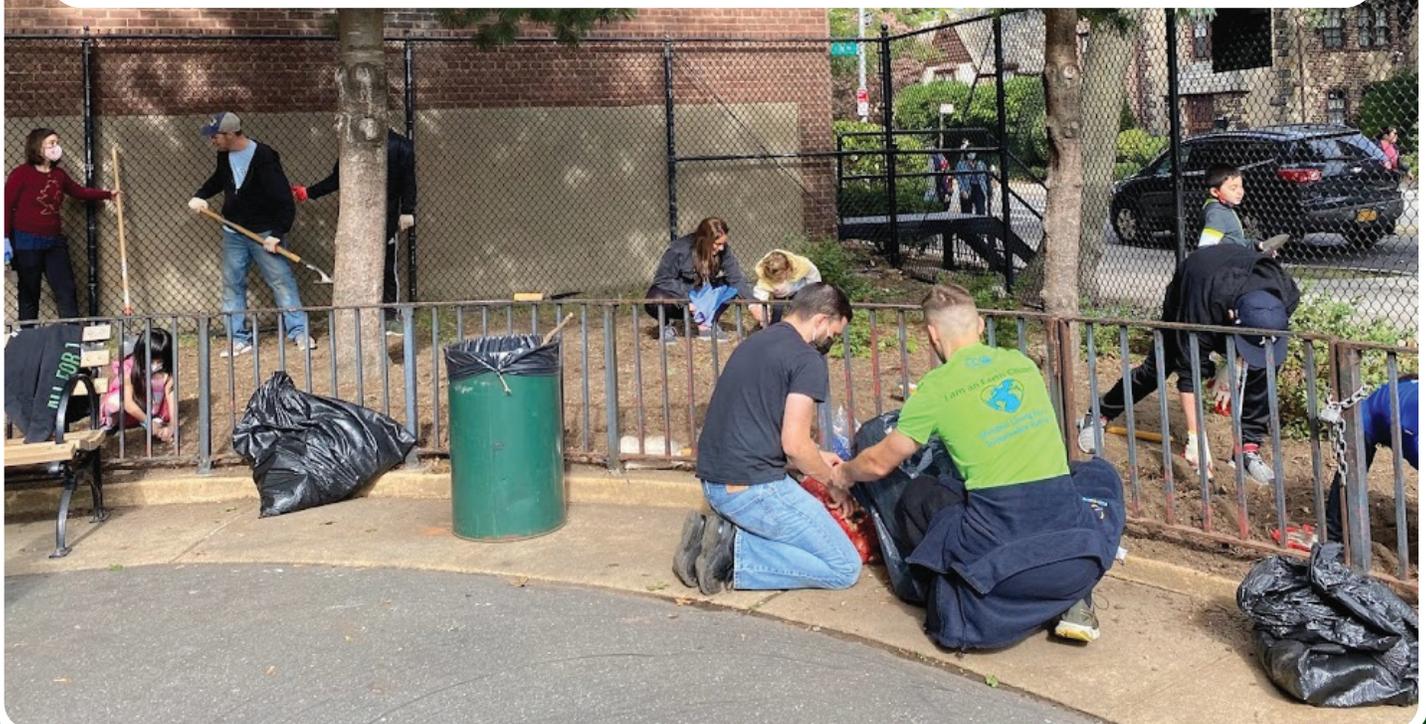


Assemblyman Hevesi Organizes Spring Park Cleanup Series

In the Fall of 2021, Assemblyman Hevesi and partners mobilized volunteers to maintain and enhance local parks. This included cleanups and daffodil plantings — flowers that we now see blooming upon spring's arrival.

Assemblyman Hevesi will continue to partner with community organizations and fellow elected officials on service days, graffiti cleanups, and community events taking place throughout 2022. Recently, Assemblyman Hevesi led a cleanup in MacDonald Park, as well as graffiti removal along the Jackie Robinson underpass.

Service hours are being granted for student volunteers. Follow Assemblyman Hevesi on Facebook or sign up for our email list to receive notices about upcoming events, or reach out to our district office at (718) 263-5595 or Hevesia@nyassembly.gov to stay up to date!



Assemblyman Hevesi Distributes Protective Supplies Throughout Local Communities

As we continue working to keep our families safe from COVID, Assemblyman Hevesi has worked with Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams to secure and distribute protective supplies directly to constituents of the 28th Assembly District, in conjunction with local partners.

This included securing:

- More than 20,000 KN95 and 3-ply face masks
- More than 10,000 at-home rapid tests
- Hundreds of personal hand sanitizer bottles and canisters of sanitizing wipes

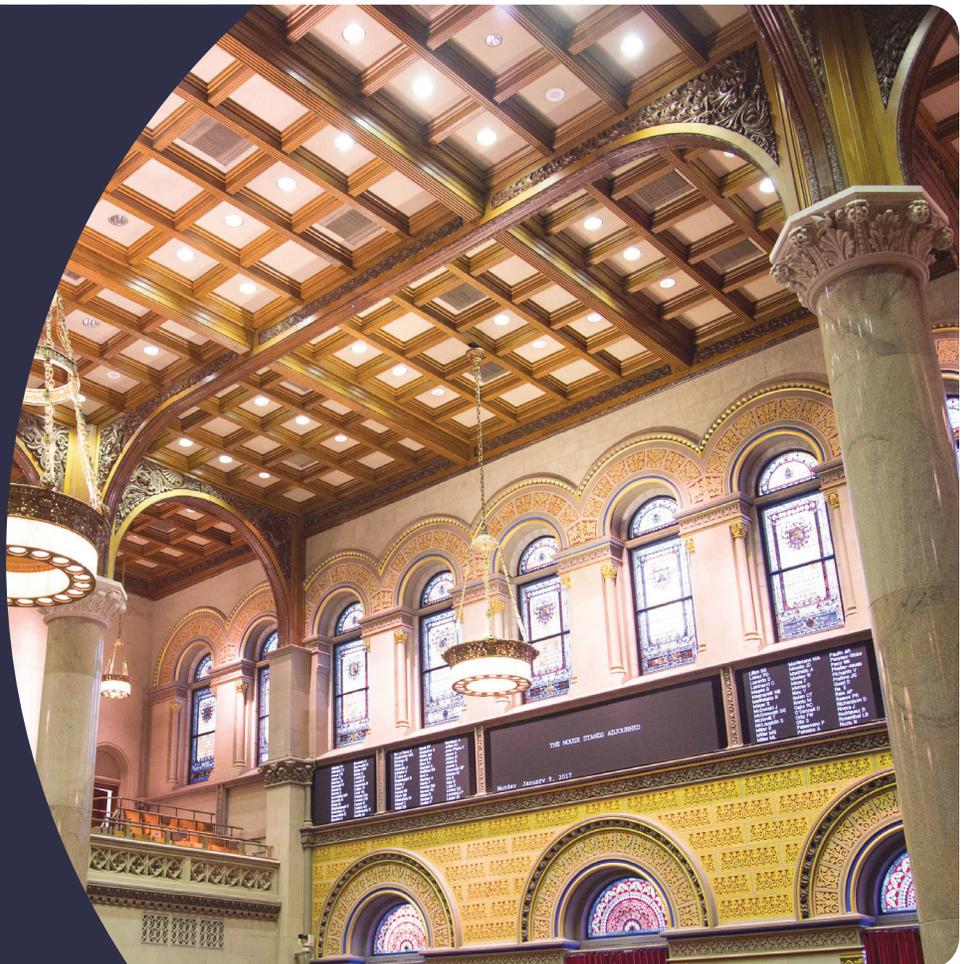
In total, Assemblyman Hevesi and his team have distributed more than 150,000 protective masks and other protective equipment to constituents, local schools, and community organizations.

Free supplies remain available for pick up at the Assemblyman's district office. Constituents may arrange an appointment by contacting (718) 263-5595.



Highlights from the 2022-23 State Budget:

- **\$41 million** for flooding repair assistance for Hurricane Ida victims
- **\$224 million** to fund bold initiatives that will strengthen the gun violence prevention efforts of law enforcement and community-based organizations
- **\$20 million** for the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Equity Fund, to increase public health resources, develop a K-12 AAPI heritage curriculum for schools, and fund AAPI community-based organizations
- **\$60 million** in additional state operating support funds for SUNY, and **\$60 million** for CUNY, as well as **\$53 million** for both SUNY and CUNY to hire additional full-time faculty members and improve staff-to-student ratios





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- **\$150 million** to expand Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) eligibility to 75,000 additional part-time students and **\$5 million** to restore TAP eligibility for incarcerated individuals
- **\$904 million** in funding to Medicaid and **\$120 million** in funding to public health
- **\$53 million for children's mental health programs** under state Office of Mental Health (OMH), and additional increases special education provider rates to improve programs for children with disabilities

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