



**March 21, 2025**

Greetings –

Negotiations between the Governor, the Assembly, and the State Senate on the State’s Fiscal 2025-26 budget are ongoing. Among some of the “big-ticket” issues that have been a focus of deliberation this week are the Foundation Aid Formula for Schools, funding for the MTA, and Childcare funding. At the same time, potential federal funding cuts are also shaping how the State needs to proceed.

### **Advocating for equitable funding for New York City Schools, the MTA, and Childcare**

Governor Hochul’s proposed changes to the Foundation Aid formula, which is the principal source of State funding for public schools, would result in New York City schools getting nearly \$350 million less than they would without these changes. The Assembly’s one-house budget includes an adjustment to the formula accounting for the differences in the cost-of-living between regions in the State as well as giving more weight to the number of English Language Learners in a school district. I strongly support these proposals and will continue to advocate for them to be included in the enacted budget.

The Governor’s budget failed to adequately address the \$33.4 billion gap the MTA is facing in its \$68.4 billion 2025-2029 Capital Plan. It is essential that the final enacted budget fully funds the MTA Capital plan, especially given the Trump Administration’s threats to cut federal funding to the MTA. One idea under discussion is an increase to the Payroll Mobility Tax, a tax on large employers in the New York City and the counties served by the MTA commuter rails. My position is that any increase in this tax should apply to all the counties served by the MTA not just New York City. My position has been and will continue to be that we should not abandon the principle of an integrated regional transportation system funded through cost sharing across the jurisdictions that benefit most from the MTA.

The State has significantly increased funding for childcare in recent years, but greater investment is still needed. Federal work requirements imposed on cash assistance recipients is driving up the need for subsidized childcare and New York City has inadequately budgeted for this, putting at risk childcare for 50,000 families. In the final weeks of budget negotiations, I will be advocating that the State do its part to meet this need.

### **More actions by the Trump Administration harming New York State**

This week the Trump Administration continued its assault on government institutions with little regard for the real-life impact of its action. Below is my statement on the Trump Administration’s Executive Order of Friday March 14, eliminating the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROBERT CARROLL'S  
STATEMENT ON THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S  
EXECUTIVE ORDER GUTTING THE  
FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF  
MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES**

"The Trump Administration's Executive Order gutting the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services is deeply concerning and shows a truly appalling lack of vision and failure to understand what makes for a strong society. Both libraries and museums play a vital role in civic life, are centers of learning and culture, and are repositories of history and heritage. **Libraries are also an important resource for communities that promote opportunity for people from all walks of life.** As Chair of the New York State Committee on Libraries and Education Technology, I have a special responsibility to speak up on behalf of our libraries but we should all be angered at this gratuitous assault on the public realm. **The New York State Library is highly reliant on federal funding, which supports two-thirds of its workforce.** These staff administer the millions in State funding that libraries throughout the State depend on as well as providing a range of essential support services. While in the grand scheme of things, the federal funding for libraries may be modest, it is essential to our libraries in New York State and nationwide both in terms of dollars but as an important marker of our national government's commitment to the common good."

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Yesterday, President Trump signed an executive order calling for the Federal Education Secretary to dismantle the Department of Education. This followed last week's massive layoffs to the Department. The strategy appears to be to effectively eliminate the department without obtaining the necessary Congressional approval to formally close a federal department authorized by law. Low-income students and students with disabilities will be especially negatively impacted as significant federal funding is directed specifically to these groups. Even if funding levels are largely maintained, there still needs to be a strong administrative capacity to ensure funds get to the States without excessive bureaucratic hurdles. There is no good reason to eliminate the DOE and like other Trump Administration actions this decision seems motivated by either anti-government ideology or wanton destructiveness or both. The disruption caused by the Trump Administration notwithstanding, there is still much we can do at the State level to improve our education system and especially improving reading outcomes. I remain committed to that effort and hope to make progress on my legislation related to this in the months ahead.

## District Office Service Event –March 31st




On Monday, March 31st, my district office at 416 7th Avenue will host three service providers for my constituents: the Metro Card Van for all your Metro Card-related issues including reduced fare applications and card transfers from 10am-2pm, NYPD's crime prevention officers for tips on how to keep you and your property safe as the warm weather approaches from 10am-2pm, and the New York State Comptroller's office's Unclaimed Funds team will be available to check to see if you're eligible to apply for a claim to get your money back from 10am-12:30pm. [See the flyer below for more information and sign up here to RSVP \(not required\).](#)




**Monday  
March  
31**

- ◆ **MTA METROCARD VAN**
- ◆ **NYPD CRIME PREVENTION UNIT**
- ◆ **UNCLAIMED FUNDS**


**Sponsored by Assemblymember Robert Carroll**  
All services will be provided on the sidewalk in front of my district office at  
**416 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> St)**

 <p><b>MTA METROCARD VAN</b> <b>From 10am to 2pm</b></p> <p>Get assistance with all your MetroCard related issues including reduced fare MetroCard applications; transferring balances; lost, stolen or damaged cards; questions about OMNY and more.</p>	 <p><b>NYPD CRIME PREVENTION UNIT</b> <b>From 10am to 2pm</b></p> <p>Meet the Crime Prevention Officers from the 72<sup>nd</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> Precincts and hear how you can better safeguard your property and ensure your personal safety and security as warmer weather approaches.</p>	 <p><b>UNCLAIMED FUNDS WITH THE NYS COMPTROLLER</b> <b>From 10am to 12:30pm</b></p> <p>Learn about the types of funds that are held by the NYS Comptroller and see if you're eligible to file a claim to get your money back.</p>
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For additional information on this event or any other local or state issue, please call Assemblymember **Robert Carroll's District Office** at **718-788-7221**.



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## Annual Spring Clean and Green May 4th -Save the Date!

My annual Spring Clean and Green event in Prospect Park is scheduled for Sunday, May 4th from 10am-2pm. All the services you rely on will be there: E-waste collection, Shredding,

Textile Recycling, along with new services, giveaways and information from city agencies and local institutions. Mark your calendars for this highly anticipated event and, as always, contact my office for more details.

If you have any concerns about any legislative or community issue, please email me at [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov) or call (718) 788-7221.

-Bobby

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