

COLTON'S LEADERSHIP BRINGS HOPE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN SCHOOL BUDGET

Thanks to Assemblyman Colton's battles for Education, the 2017-2018 budget wins new increases for all our children.

- \$25.7 billion for our schools, an overall increase of \$943 million
- \$700 million increase in School Foundation Aid, rejecting attempts to eliminate the needs-based foundation formula for future years
- \$817 million for Universal Pre-Kindergarten, mostly in NYC
- \$35 million for afterschool programs
- \$103 million for 4201 schools for blind and deaf students
- \$2 million for Advance Placement (AP) Test Assistance
- \$25 million for technology projects and \$25 million for security upgrades to nonpublic schools, daycare facilities and community centers
- The budget provides nonpublic schools \$5 million to hire STEM teachers, \$7 million for costs related to complying with immunization requirements along with \$8 million increase for nonpublic school aid

“ One of our best investments is in our children. Supplying our schools with the resources and funding they need, we can deliver a top quality education for all our children. ”

~ William Colton

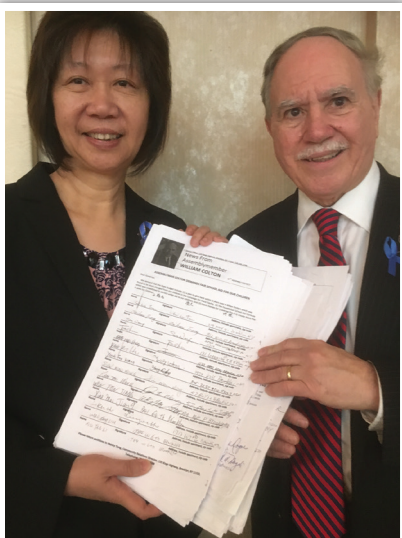
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**Education has always been
a top priority for Colton.**

Shown with Assemblyman Colton is Nancy Tong, his Community Relations Director, with some of the over one thousand signatures gathered in the community drive she led, demanding the foundation formula be kept and increased. Tong stated, “We are gratified the state legislature has passed a budget which will drive more monies to provide a quality education for our children.”

COLTON APPLAUDS HISTORIC EXCELSIOR CUNY AND SUNY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The newly approved budget allowed free tuition for qualifying families for City University of New York (CUNY) and State University of New York (SUNY) colleges for both community colleges and four year colleges.

This plan offers free tuition by providing subsidies after TAP and PELL aid is used for families making up to \$100,00 per year this fall, \$110,000 starting the fall of 2018 and \$125,000 starting the fall of 2019. Students must be enrolled in CUNY or SUNY colleges full-time, completing their degree on time, averaging 30 credits per year and maintaining a grade point average necessary for an effective completion of their semester.

LIBRARY CUTS RESTORED

Libraries are important partners in child development and in enriching quality of life for all family members. With Assemblyman Colton's push for funding, the budget restores aid to public libraries by \$4 million to assure they can continue to provide resources and services to children and residents, for a total of \$95.6 million. Furthermore, the budget provides an increase of \$10 million in capital funding for a total of \$24 million to maintain our libraries' physical structures.



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