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Supporting Students Statewide



“Despite what our state spends on education, student performance in New York is middle-of-the-pack nationally.’ With the 2025-26 school year beginning, it is essential students start off strong. I am working to ensure my children and others statewide are prepared for the school year and have access to the resources and support they need to succeed.”

Assemblyman Robert Smullen stands with students from Remsen Central School District and their Superintendent, Timothy Jenny, at the 25th Annual Regional Legislative Breakfast hosted by The Genesis Group and the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley in January of 2025.

TO SUPPORT NEW YORK SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS, ROBERT SMULLEN IS FIGHTING TO:



Assemblyman Robert Smullen awards Canajoharie High School senior Aiden Bowerman with the 2025 Alexander John Smullen Memorial Scholarship, named in honor of his son AJ.

- **ESTABLISH** the “EmpowerED Act,” which will enhance educational opportunities for rural students throughout New York state by allowing them to cross-enroll in classes offered by local schools outside of their home district and expanding BOCES services;²
- **AUTHORIZE** school districts to establish a special education reserve fund to help provide the best learning environments possible for students with special needs;³ and
- **REQUIRE** all public, charter and nonpublic high schools to offer courses in financial literacy to help prepare them for the future.⁴

¹ <https://census.gov/library/visualizations/2025/comm/school-system-current-spending-per-pupil-by-region-2023.html>; https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/profiles/stateprofile/overview/NY?cti=PgTab_ScoreComparisons&sub=MAT&chart=1&st=MN&sfj=NP&sj=NY&year=2024R3

² A.2009

³ A.7904

⁴ A.8733

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Binders/folders
- ☐ Notebook/spare paper
- ☐ Writing utensils (pencils, pens, highlighters)
- ☐ Pencil case (complete with pencil sharpener and erasers)
- ☐ Sturdy backpack
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Healthy snacks



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