

Political Action in Suffolk County -- 3/19/15

Crunch Time

With the deadline for the state budget rapidly approaching, negotiations in Albany are starting to get serious. Over the next week or so the actions we take will help decide not only state aid dollars but also whether we are able to block the Governor's ill-conceived education "reforms". We have good support from the Assembly and the Governor has taken a big hit in the polls this week. Now it's time to push our Republican 'friends' in the Senate to do the right thing.

Contact your State Senator! First preference would be phone calls, especially from local leaders, but don't be shy with the emails and faxes either.

Tell them you live and or work in their district. Ask them **to reject** the governor's harmful education proposals and support public education.

- Reject the governor's proposal to make 50% of an evaluation based on inappropriate high-stakes testing;
- Reject the governor's proposal on a longer teacher probation period and a weakening of due process;
- Reject the governor's proposals that take local control of schools away from our local communities;
- Reject the proposal to raise the cap on charter schools and the Senate's proposals to increase the per-pupil tuition increase that will drain money out of public schools; and
- Tell the governor to support adequate funding for SUNY, CUNY, and the community colleges.

Phone numbers for Senate district offices:

- SD 1 Senator LaValle [631-473-1461](tel:631-473-1461)
- SD 2 Senator Flanagan [631-361-2154](tel:631-361-2154)
- SD 3 Senator Croci [631-360-3356](tel:631-360-3356)
- SD 4 Senator Boyle [631-665-2311](tel:631-665-2311)
- SD 5 Senator Marcellino [516-922-1811](tel:516-922-1811)