



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Budget Hearings, Westchester Delegation Budget Forums, Valentines for Vets

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Dear Friends,

As we begin to celebrate **Black History Month**, let us be sure to honor and share the rich history, accomplishments, and contributions of Black Americans throughout the year, as we strive to eradicate racism and injustice and fulfill America's promise to all.

We have just had two action-packed weeks in Albany. I was pleased to chair the first meeting of the Senate Committee on Education, and then to hold the **Joint Budget Hearing on Lower and Secondary Education**, where many witnesses explained the potentially devastating impact of the Governor's proposed education budget.

Recently, I joined my fellow elected officials, local clergy members, and a huge crowd of supporters to stand united against hate in all its forms and to call out the anti-semitic graffiti at the **Golden Horseshoe** shopping center in Scarsdale/New

Rochelle. I continue to advocate for funds to address antisemitism and islamophobia in our schools, and believe we must do more to focus on educating our students, and making sure students, staff and families feel safe in their schools.

As the Senate and Assembly each move toward proposing their One-House budget resolutions, we have begun the process of holding budget hearings. These hearings allow us, the lawmakers, to hear directly from individuals and organizations in our districts so we can make sure the state budget addresses their needs and concerns. You will have an opportunity to make your voice heard during the **Westchester Senate Delegation Budget forums**. More details and how to register are below.

Please also join me in sending love to vets with our **Valentine's Day for Vets** event! My staff will be at Grinton I. Will Library in Yonkers this Wednesday, February 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. for a fun afternoon of Valentine card creation. You can also make your own and then drop off your cards at a number of locations throughout Westchester. More information is below.

As always, if there is anything my office can assist you with, please email me at [smayer@nysenate.gov](mailto:smayer@nysenate.gov) or call (914) 934-5250.

Warm regards,  
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