

Addabbo Bill Mandating Schools Receive 14-Day Advanced Notice of Nearby Construction Projects Approved By the Senate

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO JR. February 25, 2025

Queens, NY (February 25, 2025): New York State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr's legislation, S.1186, to mandate county superintendents provide written notice to school districts and nonpublic schools within the five boroughs of New York City, was approved on Monday, February 24, by the New York State Senate.

Senator Addabbo stated, "My bill is both common sense and important. It ensures that all school districts are notified of nearby construction projects in advance, allowing necessary steps to maintain the safety and accessibility of school grounds. By giving schools 14 days' notice, we can also help avoid disruptions and ensure that students, parents, and faculty have safe, uninterrupted access to their schools."

According to Addabbo's bill, notice must be given at least 14 days before commencing construction projects within a 300-foot radius of any building used for student instruction. The bill aims to ensure that schools are informed about nearby construction activities that could disrupt traffic to and from the school. This allows schools to plan accordingly to maintain safe access for students, teachers, and staff. The 14-day notification requirement does not apply in emergencies.

After its approval in the Senate, the Addabbo bill is under consideration in the Assembly Transportation Committee.