



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

## Legislation to Relieve School Districts of Past Debt is Approved by Senate

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) announces the New York State Senate has approved legislation (S.5649) to relieve the Mount Morris Central School District of financial penalties related to capital improvement projects dating back to 1999. A delay in the filing of final cost reports has resulted in a penalty to the school of \$2,457,364.

The penalty is based on a series of oversights that occurred over the course of several years in relation to a building project in 1999.

The Senate also has approved legislation (S.6365/A5442) to relieve the Panama Central School District of financial penalties related to past capital improvement projects. A delay in the filing of final cost reports has resulted in a penalty to the school of \$4.9 million.

The penalty is based on a series of oversights that occurred over the course of several years in relation to a building project in 2005. The legislation forgives the remaining amount of the assessed penalty, \$1.9 million.

“Penalizing these school district for administrative errors that occurred years ago makes no sense,” said Senator Patrick Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma). “Forcing the districts to pay such significant penalties will only hurt students, faculty and local taxpayers.”

Despite both school districts being located outside Senator Gallivan’s 59<sup>th</sup> Senate District, he worked with members of the Assembly and school administrators to resolve the issues as the 57<sup>th</sup> Senate District seat is currently vacant.

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#### RELATED LEGISLATION

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### 2019-S5649

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- Introduced
  - - In Committee Assembly

- In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
- On Floor Calendar Senate
- ◦ Passed Assembly
- Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Validates certain acts of the Mount Morris central school district with regard to two capital improvement projects and provides for payment of state aid for such projects

May 09, 2019

Signed by Governor

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S6365

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- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly

- In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
- On Floor Calendar Senate
- ◦ Passed Assembly
- Passed Senate
- Vetoed By Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Legalizes, validates, ratifies and confirms the actions of the Panama central school district regardless of the failure of such district to timely file final building cost reports

June 06, 2019

Senate Floor Calendar

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Do you support this bill?