



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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# **Senator Mayer Hosts Yonkers PTA President Robert Rijos as Her Guest for the Governor's State of the State Address**

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ALBANY, NY -- On Wednesday, January 8, State Senator Shelley B. Mayer hosted Yonkers Council of PTAs President Robert Rijos as her guest during Governor Andrew Cuomo's State of the State Address to commence the 2020 Legislative Session.

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer serves as the Senate Education Committee Chair, a position she was appointed to in 2018. During her time in the State Senate, and previously as an Assemblymember, she has prioritized funding, resources, and policies that provide public schools with the necessary tools to provide districts throughout the state with the resources they need to deliver a quality education for every student.

**State Senator Shelley B. Mayer** said, "Thank you to Yonkers Council of PTAs President Robert Rijos for joining me today as my guest for the Governor's State of the State Address. The Yonkers Public Schools have been making great strides in performance thanks to the work of leaders like Mr. Rijos, Yonkers School Board President Reverend Steven López, Superintendent Edward Quezada, and Mayor Mike Spano. Though the state faces significant fiscal challenges as we begin our work on the 2020-21 budget, we must address the unmet needs in the Foundation Aid formula to support our city, suburban and rural school districts throughout the state."

**Robert Rijos, President of the Yonkers Council of PTAs**, said "Education is a priority! and on behalf of the Yonkers Council of PTA/PTSAs, our school district

parents and children, I would like to thank Senator and Education Committee Chair Shelley Mayer for the invitation to this very important inaugural event. We appreciate Senator Mayer's initiatives and dedication in support of education for our community in Yonkers. Alongside our Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Assemblymen Sayegh and Pretlow, we appreciate the work they do for Yonkers' children."

**To watch Governor Andrew Cuomo's 2020 State of the State Address, [click here](#).**

### **About State Senator Shelley B. Mayer**

Senator Mayer was elected to the New York State Senate to represent the 37th District in an April 2018 Special Election, and she was subsequently re-elected in November 2018. The 37th State Senate District includes the Cities of Yonkers, White Plains, Rye and New Rochelle; the Towns of Bedford, Eastchester, Harrison, North Castle, Mamaroneck, and Rye; the Villages of Bronxville, Larchmont, Harrison, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye Brook, and Tuckahoe; and the hamlets of Katonah, Bedford Hills, and Armonk.

Prior to her time in the State Senate, she served in the State Assembly for six years representing the City of Yonkers in the 90th Assembly District. [Click here](#) to read more about Senator Mayer.