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Senator Biaggi Issues Statement Regarding NYT Investigation into Yeshivas

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NEW YORK, NY – On Sunday, the New York Times released the [findings](#) of an investigation into the quality of secular education provided at Hasidic Jewish private schools in New York.

State Senator Alessandra Biaggi (D-Bronx/Westchester) issued the following statement:

“The findings of the New York Times investigation into Hasidic Yeshivas are cause for serious alarm and action. These schools are failing in their responsibility to provide students with the quality education they deserve and are promised under state law. There is no reason for students enrolled in nonpublic schools to have to compromise on receiving both a comprehensive religious and secular education.

The NYT investigation revealed that multiple systems and levels of government failed to protect the health and wellbeing of children. I was deeply disturbed to read the allegations that corporal punishment is used in some Yeshivas– a clear form of child abuse. As government leaders, we must ensure that all children– whether in public, private, or religious institutions– are safe and protected.

At a minimum, New York City must complete its 2015 investigation and ensure that all private schools comply with the new substantial equivalency regulations enacted by the Board of Regents. The Legislature should also pass [S6423](#), which would strengthen those standards and enforcement. We must ensure that proper action is taken to protect the rights of children and ensure that they are equipped with the quality education and tools necessary to live healthy, fulfilling lives.”

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