



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Hinchey's Office Delivers Over 5,000 Valentines to Nursing Homes and Veterans Organizations as Part of Valentines For Seniors Card Drive

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**ALBANY, NY** – State Senator Michelle Hinchey and members of her Constituent Services Team visited area nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and veterans organizations in Columbia, Dutchess, Greene and Ulster counties to deliver Valentine's Day cards created by students in the 41st Senate District as part of the Senator's third annual Valentines for Seniors Card Drive. More than 5,000 valentines have been delivered to 18 nursing homes and 5 veterans organizations just in time for Valentine's Day, thanks to contributions from 41

participating school districts.

**Senator Michelle Hinchey said,** “One small act of kindness can go a long way, and the goal of our annual Valentines for Seniors Card Drive has always been to show our senior neighbors that they are loved and cherished. The response to this initiative continues to exceed our expectations year after year, and it’s thanks to the compassion of local students, teachers, and community members who have shown us that the love runs deep in our community. I want to thank everyone in the 41st District who contributed — we already can’t wait to continue the tradition next year!

**Jennifer Rickert, 5th Grade Teacher, Ichabod Crane Middle School, said,** “It was such an honor to have our fifth grade class create Valentines for our local Seniors. We were very happy to participate in Senator Hinchey's annual Valentines for Seniors program and look forward to doing it again next year. Watching our students carefully design their Valentines and decorate them, writing thoughtful and sweet messages, knowing that they would be opened by local Seniors, was truly heartwarming. We hope that we have contributed to giving many folks in our community a big smile and a feeling of being loved and appreciated on Valentine's Day.”

**Michelle Feller, Assistant Administrator and Program Manager for the Center For Advanced Memory Care, Ferncliff Nursing Home, said,** “We would like to express our sincere appreciation and thank Senator Hinchey for visiting The Center For Advanced Memory Care at Ferncliff Nursing Home. The Valentine’s For Seniors program is a great intergenerational program and the perfect way to bridge the gap between children and seniors. The handmade cards brought the residents so much joy. After the gathering, they were excited to share their cards with others on the unit. Thank you, Senator Hinchey, for sharing your time with us!”

## **COLUMBIA COUNTY**

- Ichabod CSD: Ichabod Crane Middle School
- Ichabod CSD: Ichabod Crane High School
- Chatham CSD: Chatham High School
- Chatham CSD: Chatham Middle School
- Taconic CSD: Taconic High School
- Hudson CSD: M. C. Smith Elementary School
- Hudson CSD: Hudson Jr High School

## **DUTCHESS COUNTY**

- Rhinebeck CSD: Bulkeley Middle School
- Rhinebeck CSD: Chancellor Livingston Elementary School
- Rhinebeck CSD: Rhinebeck High School
- Arlington CSD: Vail Farm Elementary School
- Northeast CSD: Webutuck Elementary School
- Hyde Park CSD: Violet Avenue Elementary School
- Hyde Park CSD: North Park Elementary
- Hyde Park CSD: FDR High School

## **GREENE COUNTY**

- Greenville CSD: Greenville Elementary School

- Cairo-Durham CSD: Cairo-Durham High School
- Catskill CSD : Catskill Elementary School

## **ULSTER COUNTY**

- Highland CSD: Highland Elementary School
- Highland CSD: Highland Middle School
- Saugerties CSD: Saugerties Jr. High School
- Saugerties CSD: Grant D. Morse Elementary School
- Saugerties CSD: Cahill Elementary School
- Saugerties CSD: C. M Riccardi Elementary School
- Kingston CSD: Ernest C. Myer Elementary School
- Kingston CSD: J. Watson Bailey Middle School
- Kingston CSD: Robert Graves Elementary School
- Kingston CSD: George Washington Elementary School
- Kingston CSD: John F. Kennedy Elementary School
- Marlboro CSD: Marlboro Elementary School
- Marlboro CSD: Marlboro Middle School
- Marlboro CSD: Marlboro High School
- Wallkill CSD: Plattekill Elementary School
- Wallkill CSD: John G. Borden Middle School
- Wallkill CSD: Wallkill High School
- Onteora CSD: Phoenicia Elementary School

- Onteora CSD: Bennett Elementary School
- Rondout CSD: Kerhonkson Elementary School
- Rondout CSD: Marbletown Elementary School
- New Paltz CSD: Duzine Elementary School
- New Paltz CSD: New Paltz Middle School

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