



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Addabbo supports City's efforts to lock public school doors

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“I have long advocated for locking the entrances to our public schools, and I applaud the City’s Panel for Educational Policy for taking this step to protect our students and every other individual working in our schools. I visit classrooms across my district and many times the doors to a public school will be open and you can be well into the school building before you encounter a school safety guard. Our private schools, catholic schools and yeshivas all have locked doors where you need to be buzzed in, and I just want the same common sense security measures for our public schools. Over the years, I have introduced a bill (S.1553) that would require public and nonpublic schools be locked at all times during the school day, which now sits in the Education Committee. I am hopeful that we will get this initiative passed and better protect our children.”