## **Senator Robach's Community Connection**





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## Legislatively Speaking

Earlier this week, the New York State Senate passed legislation to enable individuals with autism spectrum disorders to receive insurance coverage for screening, diagnosis, and treatment.

This bill will save tens of thousands of dollars in out-ofpocket expenses spent by families caring for individuals with autism and address insurance companies' refusal to cover costs for autism treatments and therapies.

Autism Spectrum Disorders affect individuals of all ethic, racial, and socioeconomic groups. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 1 in 110 children, including 1 in 70 boys, are currently affected by autism.

If you would like to review more detailed information regarding this new piece of legislation, visit my website.

## Brighton High School, Greece Odyssey Academy Recognized by Newsweek

Earlier this week, Newsweek magazine release its 2011 Best High Schools. Two high schools in my district, Brighton High School and Greece Odyssey Academy made the list. Brighton High



School ranked #147 and Greece Odyssey ranked #175. Newsweek ranked the top 500 schools nationwide. Congratulations to all the students, parents, faculty and staff who made this recognition possible.

Also, best wishes to all of the graduating high school seniors in my district.

## Out and About Events Around My District This Week

Before I get to some of the events taking place around my district this week, I just want to let you know that next week, I will have the Fourth of July celebrations that will take place around the district. You can find this information on my website in the coming days.

On Wednesday night, Concerts By the Shore features the music of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert is free and beings at 7:00 p.m. at Ontario Beach Park. You might want to give yourself a little extra time getting there as this performance annually draws a large crowd.

Also on Wednesday night, at Lakeshore Country Club, the Kiwanis Club of Greece will celebrate its 70th Anniversary with a dinner and awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of this year's awards winners. Thank to you to the Kiwanis for the great service they provide to our Greece community.

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