

43<sup>rd</sup> District Senator Serving Rensselaer and Saratoga County

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## **McDonald to Host Budget Round Table**

## Brings Local Leaders to the Capitol to Discuss Local Government & Health Care Issues

**Albany –** Senator Roy McDonald will invite local leaders to the Capitol on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the New York State budget and its effect on local governments and health care.

"It's important that we receive input on how the budget is going to effect our communities while also hearing suggestions and ideas on how to fix any problems that might come up," said McDonald.

McDonald initiated the budget round tables, along with public hearings in his district, after the joint legislative budget committees were not held for the past two years. Those committees are being held this year, but McDonald will still host his own meetings to provide a direct opportunity for local business leaders, elected officials, service providers and the general public to share their thoughts and concerns on this year's state budget.

Scheduled to attend the March 10<sup>th</sup> event; Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino, Saratoga Springs Mayor Scott Johnson, Troy Mayor Harry Tutunjian, Saratiga County Deputy Administrator Ryan Moore, Mechanicville Supervisor Tom Richardson, Saratoga Bridges Executive Director Valerie Muratori, Rensselaer County ARC Executive Director Hans Meissner, along with representatives from Saratoga Hospital, Wesley Nursing Home, Whitney Young Health Services and North East Health.

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2011

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Room 124 Capitol