

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the December 31st edition of my Weekly Wrap!

### **BIG happenings:**

- Happy New Year!
- Senate Republicans call on The Farm Laborers Wage Board to Reject Reduction of the Overtime Threshold
- Bill to allow Air Ambulances to carry blood products is now law.

### **Other important news:**

- Take my 2022 Legislative Questionnaire
- Vaccine and Testing Locations

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov) or call my office at (518) 371-2751. Thank you for reading and subscribing to my Weekly Wrap. It's an honor and a privilege serving you!

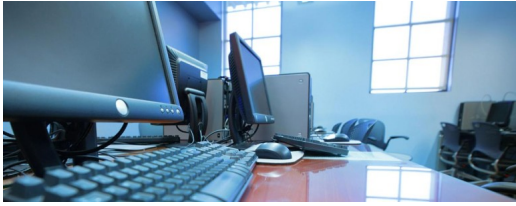
– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

## Happy New Year!



On this final day of 2021, I want to wish everyone in the 43rd Senate District a very Happy New Year! This past year has certainly been challenging for all of us but the promise of the New Year is one of hope. Together, with effort and determination, we will work hard towards making that hope a reality. It has been my honor to serve you and look forward to continuing in 2022!





**Jordan offers her priorities for next Senate session**

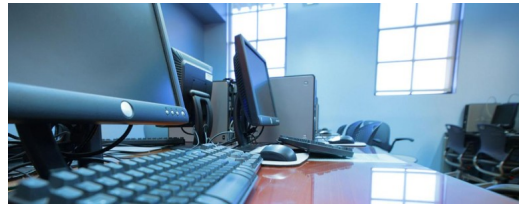
State Sen. Daphne Jordan, R-Halfmoon, is seeking Assembly sponsorship, and support from Gov. Kathy Hochul, for new legislation Jordan introduced to establish a \$10 million state grant program to assist fire departments with the cost of renovating or replacing obsolete firehouses.

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**Legislature can meet virtually until at least Jan. 15 after Hochul order**

I will be advocating for Session to be held in-person. Remote sessions do not allow for effective debate in the Chamber, nor does it allow for large lobby days for those people concerned about a particular bill. The Republican Conference was physically present and actively engaged in Albany for every Session day throughout the virtual Session period; there is no reason why every member can't do the same.

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**The worst NYC crimes committed in 2021 are thanks to shaky bail reform law**

New York's Failed Bail "Reform" has been a green light for criminals to do whatever they want. Law enforcement can arrest the same person over and over again just to have them set free a few hours later with nothing more than a slap on the wrist. This soft-on-crime mentality is meant to be compassionate towards criminals, but instead it just leaves their victims to live in fear and provides less public safety for all of us.

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**State broadband survey expands to paper option after Senate pressure**

A state survey to assess the gaps in New York's broadband internet access was expanded to a non-digital option this month for people who lack access to high-speed internet — the intent of the survey in the first place — after recent urging from more than two-thirds of the state Senate.

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# Farm Labor Wage Board Letter



# NEWS

from New York State Senator Daphne Jordan

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This week my Senate Republican colleagues and I sent a letter to the New York State Farm Labor Wage Board calling on them not to lower the overtime threshold to 40 hours per week. Over 96% of farmers, most of whom are family operators, indicated that should this regulation be changed, they would be forced to cut their employees' hours. In the end, this would hurt the very farm workers it is meant to help by cutting their paychecks by 30%. On top of that, this will also lead to reduced production and therefore higher prices for food, at a time when inflation is already driving up costs for New Yorkers. I believe that the Majority legislators, who originally made the 60 hour overtime threshold, don't realize that in farming, "you gotta make hay while the sun shines." Our farmers and their employees are some of the most hard working people around, let's not punish them at the time they can least afford it.

[Read the Letter](#)

## Air Ambulance Blood Products Law





I am proud to have co-sponsored this life saving bill signed into law last week. Prior to becoming law, New York was the only state in the nation that did not allow air ambulances to carry blood transfusions onboard the aircraft. Now every New Yorker that is facing hemorrhagic shock, especially those in rural areas, can get the care they need without having to wait to get to the hospital. I also want to say thank you to all of our EMTs, whether in the air or on the ground, for all of the life saving care they provide day in and day out.

Read the Law

## 2022 Legislative Questionnaire



As your State Senator, my top priority is representing and serving you. Collecting your thoughts and concerns in this survey helps me do that best and will shape my legislative agenda for 2022.

Please note that due to the high volume of surveys received, I cannot respond to each survey individually, but the collective results will inform my votes in Albany. Individual responses will be kept confidential. Completed surveys will be tallied and the results published on my Senate website.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss an issue or if I can ever be of assistance to you and your family. You may call my district office at (518) 371-2751, or email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov).

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts on the issues facing our state. My best to you and your loved ones for a safe, healthy, and enjoyable holiday season.

Take the Questionnaire

## Vaccine and Testing Information



As we head into the new year we continue to see a surge in COVID-19 cases. While there are promising indications that this new variant is not as deadly, it is highly transmissible. If you or a loved one needs a test or would like a vaccine, please check your county health website for the best information. I hope everyone is able to have a safe, happy and healthy New Year!

Columbia County

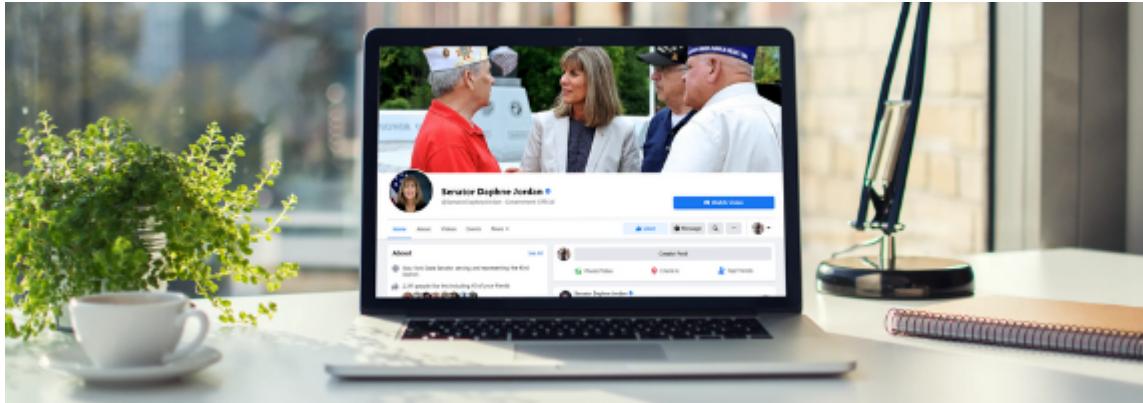
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