



Dear Friend:

Welcome to the January 21st edition of my Weekly Wrap.

I am heartbroken to share that my Mighty Mom -- my best friend, biggest supporter, protector, cheerleader, and inspiration -- returned home to God's loving grace earlier this week. Please take a moment to read the special tribute to my Mother in this Week's Wrap (my Mom was a regular reader of the Wrap and I always enjoyed sharing the week's news and events with her down in Florida). Mom, there simply aren't the words to say how much you meant to me and our family. I miss you and will love you forever! - Love, Daphne

BIG happenings:

- Senate Republicans Call For An End To Mandates
- My Letter to Governor Hochul Calling for Help for Nursing Homes

Other important news:

- WSWHE BOCES Legislative Breakfast
- Legislative Meeting with ARCs
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- The National Museum Of Horse Racing Student Program "Insights"
- Poestenkill Blood Drive

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at 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

IN THE NEWS



READER'S VIEW: New Year, new opportunity to take back New York

The 2022 Legislative Session has begun! This is a new year and a new opportunity for our State to get on the right track. We have many challenges facing our State, like public safety, economic recovery, and overbearing government. As New Yorkers, now is the time to come together and take our State back!

[Read Article](#)



New York Republicans call for new public safety proposals

Public Safety isn't a priority for Democrats who have continually pushed criminal-coddling policies instead of protecting crime victims. My Senate Republican colleagues and I will continue working with law enforcement and local leaders to protect victims, punish criminals and restore public safety.

[Read Article](#)



FLAG Saratoga relaunches to support front line workers during next surge of COVID

Front Line Appreciation Group (FLAG) of Saratoga was originally started in spring 2020 but has recently restarted their program of bringing food and other gifts to hospital workers, EMT, firefighters, and police officers. Thanks to their hard work they have been able to provide over 4,000 meals since the start of the pandemic.

[Read Article](#)



Short on school bus and truck drivers, Hochul wants to expand road test availability

On January 26th the NYS DMV will have a public hearing to allow qualified third-party organizations to offer road tests to new truck and bus drivers. This additional capacity will help to alleviate the shortages that many school districts and shipping companies are facing today.

[Read Article](#)

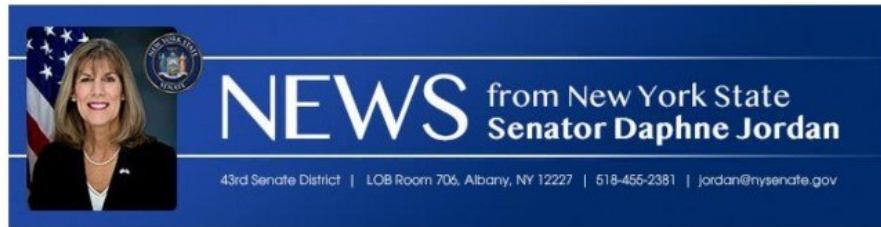
Tribute To My Mother



We buried my Mom this week. I call her "My Mighty Mom" . . . Petite in stature, but strong in will and character . . . The strength of a super hero. For 38 years she held scleroderma and lupus at bay. She was also a breast cancer survivor. She hid her pain well and most people had no idea that she suffered from these diseases. She was a volunteer and leader extraordinaire. She was everyone's cheerleader, applauding the success of others and always helped others to achieve success whenever she was able. She was my cheerleader, inspiration and strength. I will miss her dearly.

Obituary

A Call to End Mandates



CONTACT: Josh Fitzpatrick, (518) 371-2751, fitzpatr@nysenate.gov
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, January 19, 2022

NYS SENATOR DAPHNE JORDAN AND HER SENATE REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES SAY: “NO MORE MANDATES”

Republicans Call Upon Governor & Democrat One-Party Rule to END One-Size-Fits-All Albany Mandates, & Return to Fact-Based, Collaborative Governing

ALBANY, NY – New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) and her Senate Republican colleagues today called upon Governor Kathy Hochul and Democrat One-Party Rule to end one-size-fits-all Albany mandates and return to a system of governance based on facts, collaborative decision-making, and guidance.

Mandates have had a devastating impact on New York. The Governor has continued to push forward with these destructive policies despite all the evidence that they do not work. We are facing worker shortages across the State thanks to these mandates and yet the Governor wants more. I, along with my Senate Republican colleagues, are calling on the Governor to end these hurtful mandates and let people get back to their lives. Please read my full statement below:

[Read the Full Statement](#)

My letter to Governor Hochul

RANKING MINORITY MEMBER
LIBRARIES
RACING, GAMING AND WAGERING
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
STATE-NATIVE AMERICAN RELATIONS
WOMEN'S ISSUES

COMMITTEE MEMBER
AGRICULTURE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS
VETERANS, HOMELAND SECURITY AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS



ALBANY OFFICE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM 706
ALBANY, NY 12247
(518) 455-2381

DISTRICT OFFICE
1580 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE
BLDG. 2, STE. 1
CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON, NY 12033
(518) 371-2751

EMAIL: JORDAN@NYSenate.GOV
WEBSITE: JORDAN.NYSenate.GOV

January 14, 2022

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

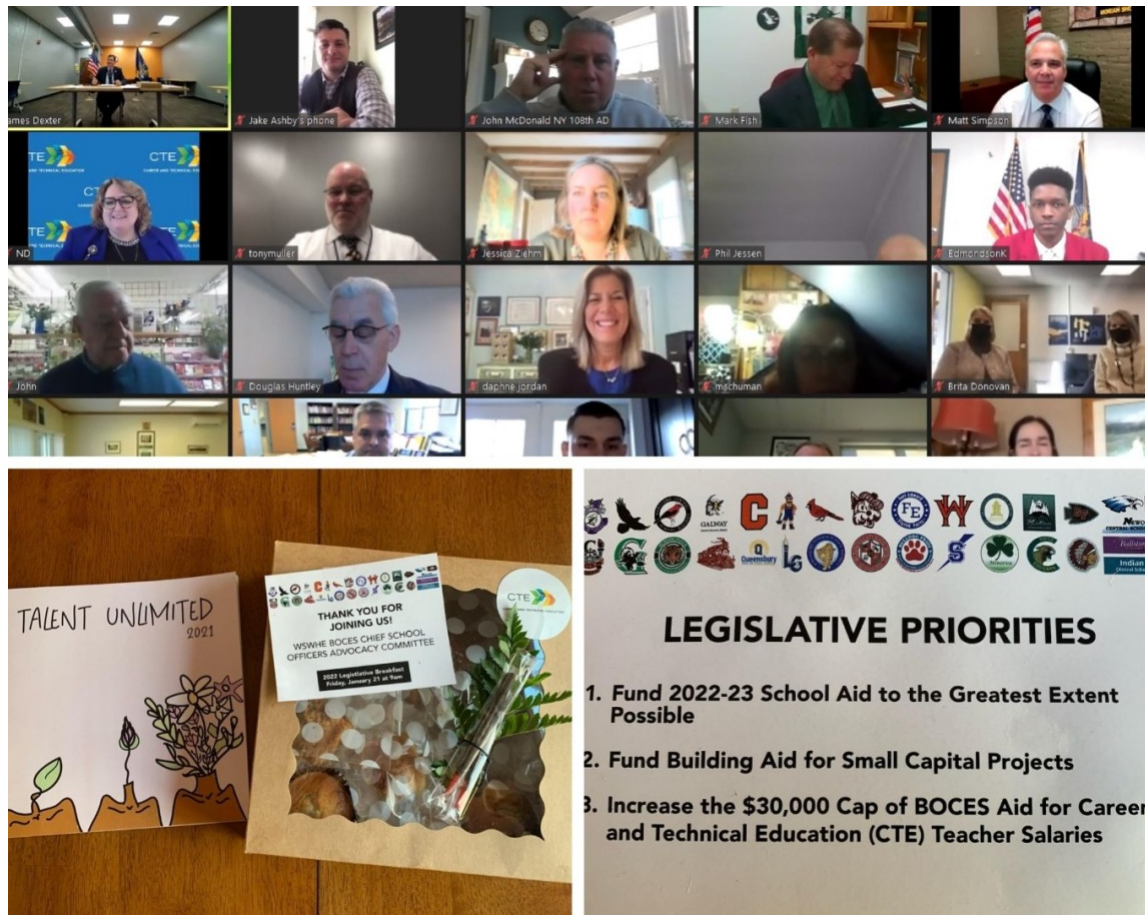
I write advocating on behalf of nursing homes and long-term care facilities in my 43rd Senate District and across our state that are facing serious challenges – most notably, COVID-related sustained staffing shortfalls – and urgently require immediate assistance.

Numerous constituents with loved ones in nursing homes and long-term care facilities, as well as staff at these entities, have contacted me. They have expressed growing alarm over a lack of facility staffing to ensure a proper continuum of care for residents in the face of the Omicron surge. Facility staff testing positive for this COVID variant and your administration's vaccine mandate are driving the shortfall that is further exacerbated by New York's long-term nursing shortage. The vulnerability of nursing home residents to COVID, as well as other chronic health issues, necessitates a robust response at all levels of government.

Our nursing homes and long-term care facilities are in a crisis. The Omicron surge and vaccine mandates have left many facilities dangerously understaffed across New York State and here in the 43rd District specifically. I am calling on the Governor to deploy our incredibly brave and highly skilled National Guard to the facilities that are in need. The last governor failed our nursing home residents during COVID, I urge the current Governor to chart her own course and do the right thing for our long-term care patients.

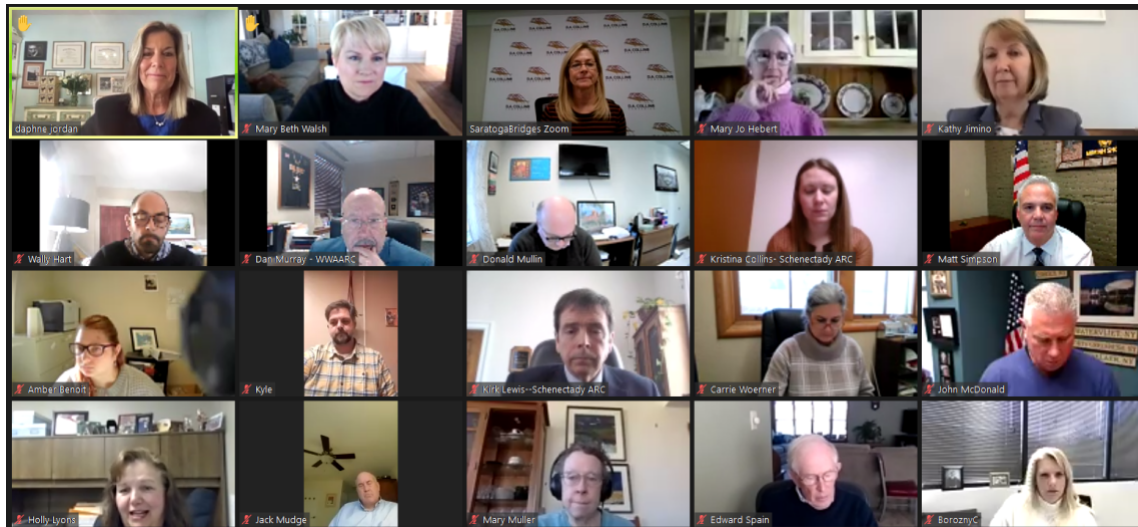
[Read the Letter Here](#)

WSWHE BOCES Legislative Breakfast



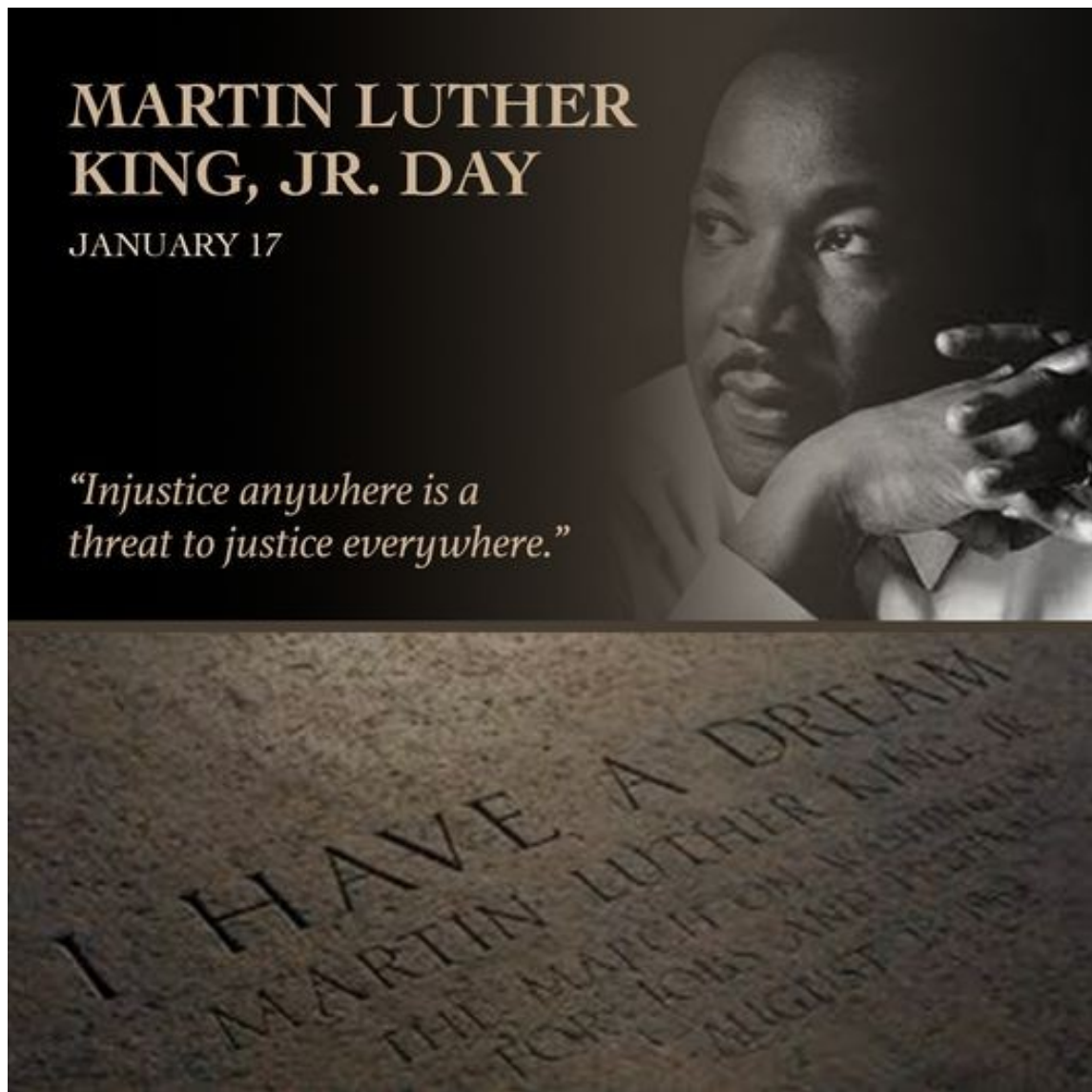
I enjoyed taking part in this Friday's WSWHE BOCES (Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex) Legislative Breakfast. WSWHE BOCES serves 31 school districts in a five-county region and plays a vital role in helping our students. Thank you to all of the BOCES students who captivated me as I read through the art & literature in their 2021 Talent Unlimited Book. I especially want to thank the CTE culinary students for their wonderful baked goods that I was able to enjoy during breakfast. I'll continue being a strong advocate for BOCES which makes such a positive difference for our students as it allows them to follow their passions and gets them ready to enter the workforce.

Meeting with ARCs



This afternoon I met with the Saratoga Bridges, Rensselaer ARC, Warren / Washington/Albany ARC...etc. and four additional ARCs not within the 43rd Senate District. They are all a part of The ARC NY, which is a non-profit organization that serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). They do some truly incredible work for the people of New York. Their main State budget priority is sadly the same each year just because the problem is never fully addressed. . . solving their staffing shortage so they can better serve the population they provide support for. Direct Support Professionals (DSP) are those hard-working, loving workers that assist those with I/DD to get through their day, whether it be tasks that need to be done, doctor's appointments to get to, or getting dressed and for some, living on their own. The staffing problems are primarily due to funding shortfalls that leave much of their professional workforce making less money per hour than fast food workers. I will continue to advocate that the ARCs get the support they need in this year's budget negotiations to ensure that our I/DDs are getting the assistance they need.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day



This past Monday was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and I'd like to share one of my favorite quotes of his: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." In these uncertain, difficult times let's heed those words and commit ourselves to ensuring a more just, equitable society for all New Yorkers.

National Museum of Horse Racing



The National Racing Museum in Saratoga Springs has a great online program for any student who is interested in a career with horses or in racing. It is called "Insights" and it consists of a number of interviews with many people from across the industries. If you or a student you know is interested please check the link below.

[Check Out Insights](#)

Poestenkill Blood Drive



Blood Drive

Poestenkill Fire Department

182 Main Street, Poestenkill, NY 12140
Fire Hall

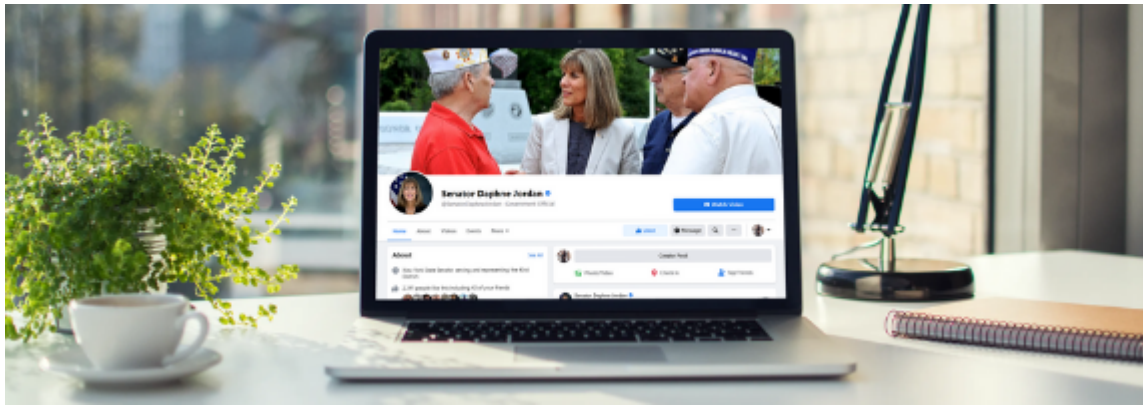
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



On Tuesday, January 25th, I am sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive in Poestenkill. The drive will go from 1 to 6 PM and will be at the Poestenkill Fire Department, 182 Main St., Poestenkill, NY 12140. There is a tremendous need for all blood types so be sure to sign up. To schedule an appointment, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS, or, visit redcrossblood.org. Use sponsor code: poestenkill.

[Link to Sign Up](#)

Stay up-to-date with me throughout the week
on Social Media!



FACEBOOK

TWITTER

INSTAGRAM

YOUTUBE

VISIT MY WEBSITE

Albany Office:
188 State Street, Legislative Office
Bldg.,
Room 706
Albany, NY 12247
518-455-2381

District Office:
1580 Columbia Turnpike
Building 2, Suite 1,
Castleton-On-the-Hudson, NY 12033
518-371-2751



THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE