

## **State Aid/STAR:**

- Substantially increase Foundation Aid above the Executive's 1.9 percent increase.
- Reject consolidating 11 aids into Services Aid and reducing Building Aid.
- Reallocate the fiscal stabilization funds to increase Foundation Aid and funding for Career and Technical Education through BOCES and Special Services Aids
- Reject changes to STAR that would move more homeowners into the tax credit program requiring them to wait for a state check to receive an offset to their school tax bill.
- Reject language authorizing the Budget Director to unilaterally impose mid-year cuts if a deficit emerges.
- Establish a working group of experts to update components of the Foundation Aid formula.

## **State Control of Local Budgets:**

- Reject proposals giving the state the authority to dictate how funds are allocated among schools within a district.

## **Property Tax Cap:**

- Reject making the cap permanent without commonsense reforms that will enable financial planning by school districts and support BOCES capital needs.

## **TRS Reserve Fund:**

- Authorize a TRS reserve fund to provide predictability and sustainability for school budgets.

## **District Superintendent Salary Cap:**

- Increase the allowable cap for BOCES District Superintendents.

## **Capital Outlay Exemption:**

- Increase the annual capital outlay exemption for school capital construction projects from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

## **School Bus Stop-Arm Cameras & Seatbelt Mandates:**

- Authorize school bus stop-arm cameras in a manner that ensures workability for all schools, rural, city, and suburban.
- Reject mandatory seatbelt requirements on school buses absent additional liability immunity for school districts.

## **Polling Places in Schools:**

- Authorize school districts to reject designation of a school as a polling place by the county board of elections.

## **Student Health**

- Prohibit individuals under 21 from purchasing tobacco products; prohibit the sale of certain flavored products for use in electronic cigarettes; delay authorizing recreational cannabis.