An Opportunity: Pre-K and Childcare
The Executive Budget includes $952 million to support public prekindergarten programs.

We look to the legislature for an increase in funding for high-quality school-based pre-K.

All children should have complete and equal access to high-quality school-based pre-K.

Studies have shown that universal pre-K leads to greater academic and social-emotional success, closing achievement gaps, and reductions in intervention and special education services.

NYS PTA also supports increases in childcare subsidies and grants for families, and access to child care.

The pandemic has shown us that high-quality and affordable childcare is not a luxury, but a must for our workforce, and a must for our birth to 3 children.

By focusing on increased supports for our earliest learners, we support both their families, and our children’s life long learning journey.

The Executive Budget increases school aid by $2.1 billion or 7.1%, including a $1.6 billion Foundation Aid increase and $466 million in other programs, including expense-based aids.

It also ensures each school district receives a minimum year-to-year Foundation Aid increase of 3%.

NYS PTA strongly supports these proposals. This is a major victory for children.

We appreciate the funding for after-school programming, early college high schools, P-TECH programs, community schools, and the Smart Schools Bond Act, and support increases in these critical programs that truly support our children.

We also support the 11% increase for Special Act Schools, and the Building & Transportation Aid Penalty Forgiveness proposal.