

# Rally Against the Senate's Bad News Budget

## Tell Senator Marty Golden: Shame On You for Voting for It!

Friday, March 21, 3:30 PM  
Across from Senator Golden's Office  
7408 5th Ave., Brooklyn (at 74th St)  
Take the R-train to 77th St

### The State Senate's budget plan...

#### **...leaves CUNY and NYC's K-12 schools woefully underfunded while giving tax breaks to corporations & the rich.**

It uses tuition dollars to make up for inadequate State support for CUNY senior colleges, underfunds community colleges and shortchanges K-12 schools by allocating \$160 million less than the Assembly budget.

It squanders \$800 million on a so-called "tax freeze" that primarily benefits the rich and rewards schools districts for making even deeper cuts, increasing class size, and laying off teachers and staff.

It makes permanent the crippling upstate tax cap that has already led to slashed music, art and language programs and 30,000 teacher layoffs—forever hobbling local communities' ability to invest in their children.

It slashes the Estate Tax, giving a \$750-million-per-year hand-out to the wealthiest New Yorkers. The state's 200 richest families—millionaires and billionaires—will get the bulk of this windfall.

#### **...sells out NYC public schools in favor of charters and private schools.**

It diverts millions in State resources to corporations and wealthy donors to charter and private schools—favoring charter and private schools at the expense of public schools that serve all kids.

It mandates that NYC give rent-free space and increased tax-dollar payments to charter schools, provides building aid and pre-K funding to charters schools, and gives charter schools veto power over any changes in co-location arrangements with public schools.

It creates a back-door voucher scheme that gives tax breaks to the rich, with \$150 million in tax credits to benefit private schools, charter schools and the wealthy corporation that run them.

#### **...says NO! to the NYS DREAM Act.**

It leaves 8,500 undocumented college students who were brought to New York as children with no access to State financial aid, ignoring their families' contributions to the State's tax base, its culture and economy.

#### **...allows for the privatization of SUNY Downstate Medical Center.**

It accepts a pilot program for public hospitals that is opposed by workers and patients in Brooklyn because it opens the door to the privatization of SUNY Downstate Medical Center and other public hospitals.

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