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STATEMENT FROM NYC COMPTROLLER STRINGER ON STATE BUDGET AGREEMENT



I commend Governor Cuomo and legislative leaders for once again delivering a balanced and on time budget for New York.

Today's budget agreement will provide crucial funding for several important priorities for New York City, including a commitment to a funding stream over five years for Universal Pre-Kindergarten. Thousands of children in New York City and across our state will have access to full day pre-kindergarten, providing them greater hope and opportunity for their future.

I applaud the State's authorization for a new rent subsidy program which will change the dynamic for thousands of families in New York City's shelter system and for establishing a rent cap for those living with HIV/AIDS in city-subsidized housing.

It was critical that this budget agreement codified in State education law my office's authority to audit charter schools in New York City. Taxpayers deserve to know that every public dollar is being spent appropriately, whether it's at a charter school or a traditional public school.

As legislative session moves forward, there is more work to be done, including passage of the DREAM Act and comprehensive campaign finance reform. But today, I congratulate Governor Cuomo for the passage of his fourth on time budget in a row and for providing all of our children with the opportunity to succeed.

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