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# Legislative Report Card

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Address: NY State Capitol  
Albany NY 12224  
Year: 2006

The **Legislative Report Card** is produced by TEACH NYS, a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting families in the efforts they undertake in support of their children's education. The goal of the **Legislative Report Card** is to provide you with an ongoing inside look at the important education issues being decided in Albany that impact your family.

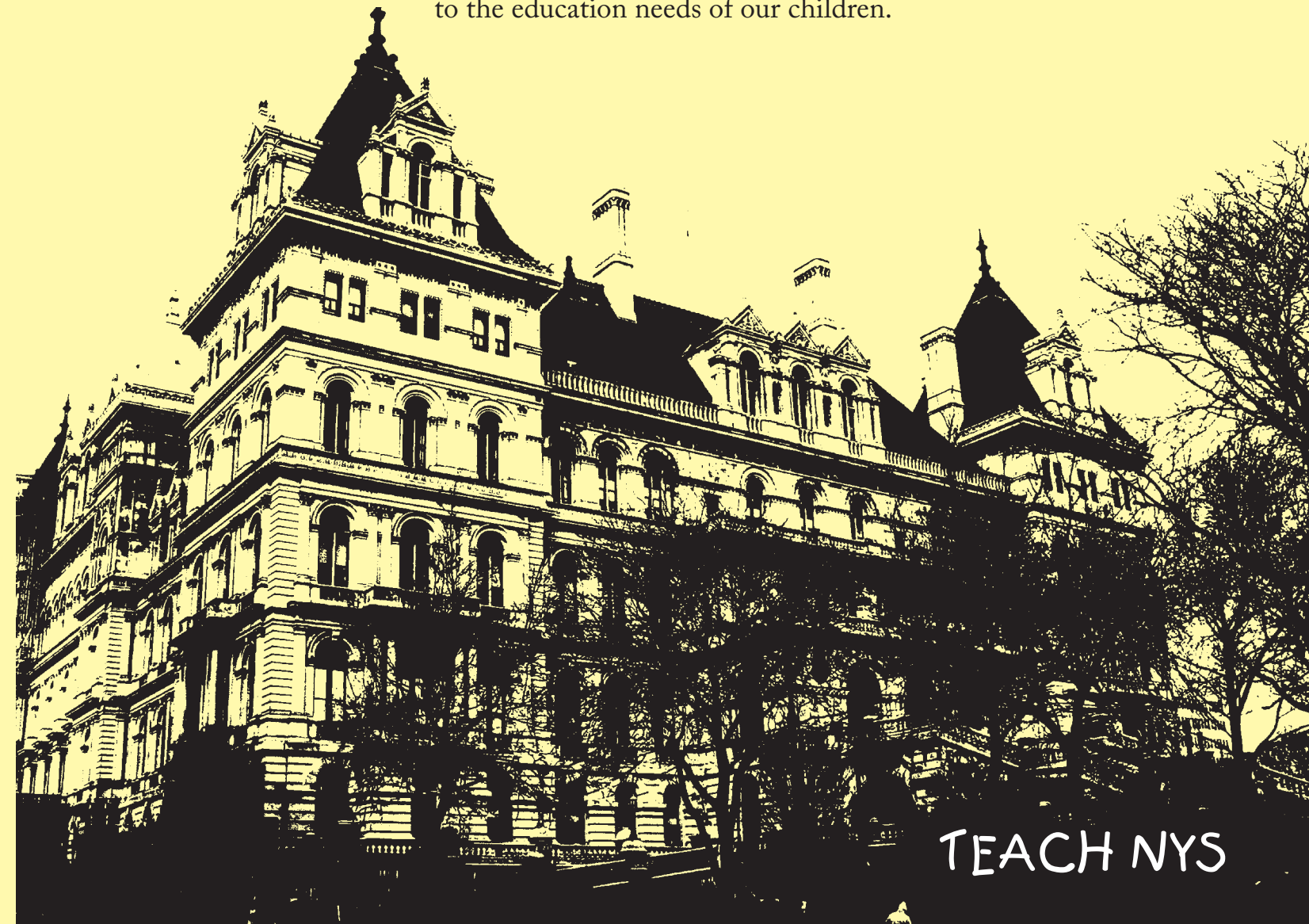
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- Tax Credits for Education
- School construction funding
- State spending on public schools



### To Parents:

This report represents our best efforts to rate the responsiveness of our state government to the education needs of our children.



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## SUBJECT: School Construction Funding

### DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM:

Currently, eleven billion dollars has been designated just for public school construction across the state.

### COMMENTS:

This public school program is very well funded.

GRADE: **PASS**

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## SUBJECT: State Spending on Public Schools

### DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM:

Each year, the state allocates a specific amount of funding to be used specifically for public schools.

### COMMENTS:

Over one billion dollars in new spending has been added to the existing fifteen billion dollars already being spent on the New York State public school system.

GRADE: **PASS**



## SUBJECT: Tax Credits for Education

### DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM:

Tax Credits for Education are a fair and reasonable solution designed to send \$500 per child back to working parents who spend hundreds or even thousands of dollars on their children's education each year for after-school programs, weekend tutoring, special needs services or test preparation.

The goal of the program is to encourage more spending specifically for education in order to help struggling families and schools throughout the state.

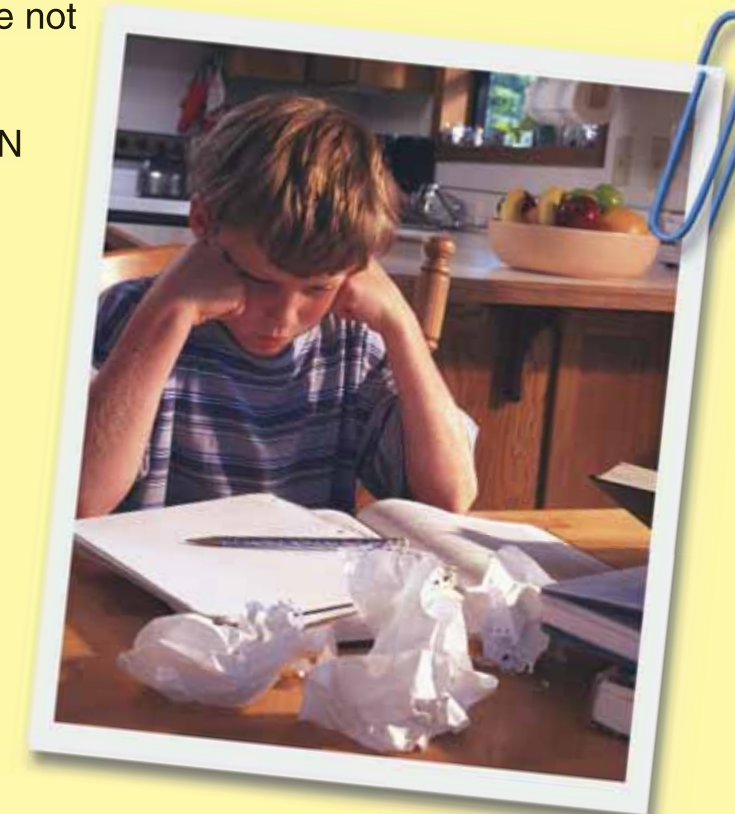
### COMMENTS:

With families and schools across the state struggling financially, Tax Credits for Education is one of the most important pieces of legislation this year. The initiative has drawn widespread support from Governor George Pataki, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, Senate Democratic leader David Paterson, other public officials, religious, business and community leaders and media across the state.

There have been significant steps in the right direction. Most notably, six hundred million dollars have been set aside in the current budget for tax credits. However, the tax credits are not directly linked to EDUCATION.

We can do better by putting EDUCATION back into Education Tax Credits.

GRADE: **NEEDS IMPROVEMENT!**



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