



October 19th, 2017

Dear Advocates,

Since our last update, steering committee members have met with the following legislators:

Senator Funke, Senator Robach, Assemblyman Morelle, Assemblyman Errigo, and Assemblyman Bronson.

Based on the feedback we received during our meetings, we have decided to focus our efforts this fall directly on Governor Cuomo's office. Our goal is to have the governor include conversion funding for the handful of districts in New York State without full-day kindergarten in the 2018 state budget. The budget is being prepared now and will be completed by January. It's imperative that we act quickly and send the governor a message that comprehensive early education should be a right for all children in New York.

Here's what we are doing:

1. Creating a petition to be delivered to Governor Cuomo's office in November (more information to come).
2. Creating a talking points memo that provides the fast facts on why full day kindergarten is so important for a community that prioritizes public education and values all its citizens, including our youngest ones.
3. Inviting Senator Funke and Assemblyman Morelle to observe our Kindergarten classes.
4. Planning a community meeting to take place late October / early November to educate the entire Pittsford community about our advocacy efforts.
5. Inviting Senator Funke and Assemblyman Morelle to attend the above meeting (we have provided possible dates and are waiting to hear back).
6. Working on setting an appointment with Governor Cuomo's office.

Here's how you can help:

- 1) Obtain as many signatures on the petition as possible when it is ready.
- 2) Encourage friends and neighbors to attend the community meeting when the date and venue are determined.
- 3) Share our advocacy efforts with others.
- 4) Be on call for a future letter writing campaign after the 2018 NYS budget is released through the Governor's office.

We will be in touch again once we have confirmed the date of the community meeting and completed the petition and fact sheet materials. In the meantime, we want to thank you for your continued support of full day kindergarten in Pittsford.

PCSD Advocacy Steering Committee