

# New York State: Built to Lead

Over the past five years, we have achieved real progress for the people of New York State. We have proven the capacity of government by revitalizing our state's economy, championing smart reforms and rebuilding our infrastructure. Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, we have cut taxes and held spending growth below two percent. We have put more money back in the pockets of working families and helped create nearly 770,000 private sector jobs. Governor Cuomo's bold 2016 agenda builds on this historic progress, with tax cuts for small businesses, comprehensive ethics reform, and record investments in infrastructure, education, and the environment. And with transformative proposals like 12 weeks of paid family leave, criminal justice reform, and the nation's first statewide \$15 minimum wage, we're showing the country that New York can once again lead the way in addressing today's most pressing challenges.

## Investing in New York's Families & Communities

- Establish first-in-the-nation \$15 statewide minimum wage
- Enact 12 weeks of paid family leave so working families don't have to choose between keeping their paycheck or caring for their loved-ones
- Provide \$20 billion to create and retain affordable housing and combat homelessness
- Continue to increase opportunities for Minority & Women-Owned Businesses across New York State

## Growing New York State's Economy

- \$300 million in tax cuts for more than one million small businesses to support entrepreneurs and create jobs
- A total of \$950 million in Regional Economic Development Council and Upstate Revitalization Initiative awards to drive growth in every region of the state

## Building the New New York

Governor Cuomo's proposed capital plan marks the largest investment in New York's transportation infrastructure in state history. This bold plan will upgrade our most vital assets, create jobs and spur economic development across the state. This includes:

- \$22 billion to revitalize New York's transportation infrastructure, especially Upstate, by rebuilding roads and bridges while investing in public transit and local airports
- \$26.1 billion for MTA, LIRR, and Metro North capital improvements, significantly expanding LIRR service and bringing 3,100 new buses and 1,400 new subway cars on-line
- The historic transformation of Penn Station and the James A. Farley Post Office into a world-class transportation hub

## Protecting New Yorkers & the Environment

- Bolster public safety by permanently deploying more New York State Police and National Guard to targeted areas across the state
- Provide \$91 million to increase rates of breast cancer screening, help women access the treatment they need, and educate thousands of men about the risks associated with prostate cancer
- Launch the New York State Certified High Quality Initiative to provide New Yorkers with transparent and meaningful information about the food they purchase and eat
- Ensure a cleaner, greener state by eliminating the use of coal in New York by 2020
- Allocate \$300 million to the Environmental Protection Fund, the largest investment in its history

## Fighting for Comprehensive Ethics Reform

- Close the LLC loophole and increase campaign finance disclosure
- Limit State Legislators' outside income to 15 percent of their base salary
- Adopt a voluntary public campaign financing system
- Require State Legislators convicted of corruption to forfeit their pensions

# Transforming New York's Schools

Learn more about policies and initiatives in our 2016 agenda and how they affect you:



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*"We have proven the capacity to take on the toughest issues of the day, and done what was once dismissed as impossible. Together, we will build an even smarter, stronger and fairer New York than ever before – and we will show the nation the way forward once again."*

—Governor Andrew M. Cuomo



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## A Bold Agenda for 2016



**Andrew M. Cuomo**  
Governor



Increase school aid by \$2.1 billion and end the Gap Elimination Adjustment – the highest level of education spending in state history

Establish a \$100 million community school fund to lift up failing schools and high-needs districts

Expand pre-kindergarten for 3-year-olds, ensuring high-quality instruction during critical development years

Reduce testing and empower local districts, educators, and students in developing high-quality standards

Provide a \$200 tax credit for teachers who purchase classroom supplies and materials during the school year