



# Henry Viscardi School at The Viscardi Center

Transforming the lives of people with disabilities

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Henry Viscardi School is an affiliate of The Viscardi Center, a network of non-profit organizations that provides a lifespan of services:  
Pre-K through High School Education (up to age 21) \* Transition Services \* Vocational Training \* Career Counseling & Placement \* Workforce Diversification Assistance

February 15, 2023

Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor, New York State  
New York State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

As Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Henry Viscardi School, a member of the 4201 Schools Association, we respectfully request your support for the eleven (11) schools authorized by statute to provide education to deaf, blind, and severely physically disabled children.

Henry Viscardi School, located in Albertson, is a regional institution serving severely physically disabled and medically fragile children Pre-K through grade 12 (up to age 21). It serves 165 students from all five Boroughs, as well as Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester and Rockland Counties every day.

As Board members, we each have a fiduciary responsibility to our school. The practice of continuing the state's investment in growth allows us to make the necessary investments in our teachers and clinicians, knowing that these expenses will be supported year after year. We cannot appropriately budget and plan if our funding is at risk annually. We are concerned that the Executive Budget decision to discontinue the additional support provided in the 2022-23 enacted budget, will result in a \$2 million cut to our schools.

We hope that you will reconsider the reduction in funding and restore the \$2 million appropriation for the 4201 schools in the 30-day amendment process. Thank you for your consideration and we would welcome you or your team on our campus to meet our dedicated staff and talented students.

Sincerely,

Beth Daly  
Chair, Board of Trustees on behalf of the entire Board