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#### State Museum Opens World War I Exhibition April 15-June 3

- State Museum is a program of the NYSED's office of Cultural Education.
- Exhibit will explore New York's pivotal role in World War I, broken down into 6 areas of the state and will include artifacts, images, posters, and documents from the collections of the State Museum, State Archives, State Library, and cultural institutions from across the state.
- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's entry into WWI. No other state sent more soldiers, supplies or funds than New York. Also, contributed the most in industrial production. State had a huge impact on the outcome.
- For more info and photos go to: [www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov).  
<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/about/press/state-museum-opens-world-war-i-exhibition-april-15>

#### State Museum Adds New Artwork to Contemporary Native American Art Collection

- Launched in 1986, number over 150 objects. Eight new pieces just added.
- Made up of contemporary Native American art reflecting relevant issues to all New York communities.
- Part of the New York State Museum's Ethnology collection and will be used for future educational programming. Further info:  
<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/about/press/state-museum-adds-new-artwork-contemporary-native-american-art-collection>

#### Early Literacy Ready to Read Program Reaches over 440 Public Libraries

- New York State Library program started in 2014. Annual participation grew annually from 1.98 million to 2.4 million children over 3 years

#### BOR Chancellor Rosa and SED Commissioner Elia comment on Enacted State Budget

- Thanked Governor, Assembly Speaker Heastie and Majority Leader Flanagan for coming to agreement on the Excelsior Scholarship, TAP and Higher Education Opportunity Programs.
- Making higher education affordable for our families and students will help make college dreams a reality.
- Pleased to see phase in maintained and funding for schools increased by \$1 billion.

- Districts will have additional resources to help children succeed in life.
- SED recognized for helping to improve academics and finances at the East Ramapo Central School District.
  - State will continue to monitor and the children of will still have full-day kindergarten and continued art programming with \$3 million in assistance.

Each year, the State Education Department translates the state aid formula into funding amounts for school districts, which is imperative for districts to put together their budget for voter approval. The Enacted Budget provides funding to allow us to bring our State aid, facilities and special education computer systems into the 21<sup>st</sup> century technology.

We appreciate the continued funding of the My Brother's Keeper program, which supports programs and strategies to help boys and young men of color—and all students—realize their full potential. In addition, the Budget provides an expansion of \$5 million in prekindergarten funding, establishing a multi-year plan to consolidate six prekindergarten programs into one, and \$1.5 million for the Foster Youth Success Initiative, which provides financial aid and counseling services to foster youth attending college.

Continued support is included for NYSED's opportunity programs to provide comprehensive pre-collegiate/dropout prevention programs to middle and high school students (Liberty Partnerships Program); academic enrichment and research experience in STEM content areas for both high school and college students (STEP and CSTEP); and financial aid, summer programs, remedial/developmental courses, tutoring and counseling to college students (HEOP).

We thank the Governor, Assembly Speaker Heastie and Majority Leader Flanagan for advancing these significant initiatives to better serve New York's children and adults. <http://www.nysed.gov/news/2017/statement-board-regents-chancellor-betty-rosa-and-state-education-department-commissioner>

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