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Things have been pretty quiet on the Legislative front, as all of our State Senators & Assemblymembers have been out on the campaign trail and the next session for both houses won't start until early January. Now that the elections are over, I would suggest that we reacquaint ourselves with those officials that won re-election and seek to establish relationships with the newly elected officials, as this will go a long way in our advocacy efforts next year. Over the next couple of months, I'll try to secure the addresses for all of our newly elected and forward them to our District Council Presidents.

At the county level, I was unable to do much follow up regarding the CPS situation I mentioned in October (its suspected that the Suffolk County Social Workers are handling much larger than recommended caseloads), as the county is still in recovery mode from they're recent cyber attack. Needless to say, I will continue to pursue this issue once things are relatively back to normal with the county.

This cyber attack should remind us that we need to continue to advocate for our school districts to protect themselves from similar attacks and to be sure they have proper funding in their cybersecurity line item when establishing the budgets for the 2023-24 school year. We currently have a school district here in Suffolk that is dealing with just such a security breach.