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- Suffolk Legislative Breakfast is virtual this year. It is being held on February 6, 2021.
- NYS PTA Legislation and Lobby Day is February 27, 2021 and it will have a virtual format. There will be a follow up opportunity in March to meet with legislators.
- There has been talk about Bill A-416 by Assemblymen Nick Perry. It pertains to the Governor being given the authority to have people detained if they're suspected of being infected with a contagious disease. From what I can read of other Assemblymen/Assemblywomen the bill is going nowhere fast.
- Governor Cuomo announced last week that he will put forth a proposal to legalize marijuana and create an equitable adult-use cannabis program in NYS. This is something NYS PTA has fought against for a while. He also announced legislation to legalize online gambling. His hope is that these two would help to greatly subsidize the state budget which is facing an approximate \$15 billion deficit, the largest deficit in state history.
- State of the State Address was 1/11/2021. The overview was given that day. There will be additional parts presented on separate dates.
- The Governor set forth a 7-point plan to address the following: 1. Defeating Covid-19; 2. COVID-19 vaccinations; 3. Short term economic crisis; 4. Plans

for an economic resurgence; 5. Making NY the global leader in economic shift to green energy; 6 Being the first to anticipate how COVID-19 will transform our society and economy; and 7. Addressing systematic injustices – the inequity, racism, and social abuse – exposed during this past year. All must move forward simultaneously. He stated it could be the greatest opportunity for advancement since World War II.