

# Suffolk Region Education Report: November 2021

NYS Education Commissioner, Betty A. Rosa, stated in the monthly letter that the participation rates in the state testing for grades 3-8 was about ½ of the normal participation. The decrease is a direct result of COVID and will make some year to year comparisons difficult. She also mentioned that 5 additional communities in NY have joined the “My Brother’s Keeper Community Network”. I didn’t really understand what this was before but there were some good links in her letter that taught me a lot, I encourage you to read them.

[https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Family-Newsletter--Message-from-Commissioner-Betty-A--Rosa.html?soid=1110847617454&aid=TDdW\\_CZ9FYA](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Family-Newsletter--Message-from-Commissioner-Betty-A--Rosa.html?soid=1110847617454&aid=TDdW_CZ9FYA)

On October 29, Legislation was signed by the governor that allocated some of the fines collected from motorists who pass stopped busses, to safety education for bus drivers. This program is designed to protect the children of New York by both discouraging drivers from blowing past stopped busses and making sure the bus drivers have the best training available.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-signs-legislation-protecting-safety-school-children>

As of November 12, 2021 there are 165 #VAXTOSCHOOL sites. These sites are designed for easy, rapid administration of vaccines to school aged children.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-14-new-vaxtoschool-sites>

**I encourage everyone to follow the New York State Department of Education page on Facebook. They have lots of good info and articles.**