

Board of Education Member, *Richard LaFredo*, Legislative Chairperson, has asked that I forward the following message to you.

Senator Vincent Leibell has posted two online petitions on his New York State Senate website:

- 1) Restore the STAR Rebate (Join the Fight for Property Tax Relief).
- 2) Join the Fight for a Constitutional Spending Cap

Now is the time to tell your legislator you support these two initiatives.

Thank you for considering sharing your concerns with our legislators.

*Thomas J. Manko, Superintendent of Schools*

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Click on the links below to electronically sign these online petitions from Senator Vincent Leibell.

**Petition 1: Restore the STAR Rebate**

The new State Budget took away your STAR property tax rebate checks. The loss of this program will cost individual homeowners throughout our state hundreds of dollars.

**Click on this link:** <http://www.nysenate.gov/press-release/restore-star-rebate-0>

**Petition 2: Join the Fight for a Constitutional Spending Cap**

A spending cap is needed more than ever because of the \$13 billion increase (seven times the rate of inflation) in spending and \$8.5 billion in new and higher taxes included in the 2009-10 state budget. The unchecked growth in spending has resulted in New York having the highest tax burden in the nation.

**Click on this link:** <http://www.nysenate.gov/press-release/join-fight-constitutional-spending-cap-3>