Meet the NYSSCA Government Relations Team

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NYSUT/NYSSCA and APPR
NYSSCA is working closely with NYSUT to help protect the rights of school counselors employed throughout New York State. We have a joint Q&A on APPR available to help answer questions regarding what is required for school counselors at this time. Be sure to check back for updates on APPR as they become available. Send your questions and comments directly to our APPR Committee Chair, Mark Mason at VPDirectors@nyssca.org

NYSSCA Government Relations Action Plan
NYSSCA is building a strong Government Relations Committee with representation from regions around the State. Members of the committee will be trained in how to contact local representatives, members of the Board of Regents and State Education Department personnel.

NYSSCA Government Relations is Partnering with SANNYS
NYSSCA is building a strong relationship with SAANYS to inform members about updates regarding the new school counselor relationships this will ensure that school and central office administration understand the complex nature of the school counselor role in order for them to support the work that school counselors are doing.

Legislative Updates
**NYSSCA Conference** November 16\textsuperscript{th} – 17\textsuperscript{th} 2018 Sagamore Hotel  
[www.nyssca.org](http://www.nyssca.org)

**NYSSCA Lobby Day-January 29, 2019**

Join us to in a day of working with your legislatures to support more funding to implement the NYSED regulations at the elementary level and to lower counselor-to-student ratios. More information will follow. Stay tuned.

**Support ASCA and Elementary and Secondary School Act**

NYSSCA is asking all members to show support for this Act by contacting their federal, state and local leaders. Please follow the link below to show your support.

[www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors-members/legislative-affairs](http://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors-members/legislative-affairs)

**President Dr. Gail Reed- Barnet and Dr. Kathy Corbett meet with NYS Assembly Member Jean-Pierre**

In September, 2018 met with State Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre in her Long Island Office. The focus of the meeting was scheduled to provide the Assemblywoman with information regarding NYSED school counselor regulations and to share additional information concerning the needs of NYS school counselors.

**VP Middle Marjorie Miller and Dr. Kathy Corbett meet with Assembly Member Hevesi Bill A9565-A**

VP Middle Marjorie Miller scheduled an August meeting with Assembly member Hevesi to inform him of the necessity to include school counselors in the Bill he is sponsoring: increase the amount of mental health providers to students. Additionally, Dr. Corbett shared information
concerning ASCA’s recommended ratio of students to counselor.

The Assemblyman shared his eagerness to support the work of NYSSCA. Please reach out to NYS senator and assembly person to support the bill. Assembly Member Hevesi is eager to support school counselors in their work with students.