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Westchester & Rockland Communities call on Speaker Silver, Governor Cuomo to Guarantee Access Kindergarten!

When: Thursday, June 12, 2014
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM (Sharp)
Where: St Gabriel's Catholic Church
120 Division Street, New Rochelle, NY

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What: Hundreds of Westchester United members call on Speaker Silver to Guarantee Kindergarten.

Since 2012, when some threatened to cut back on if not eliminate kindergarten, Westchester United has been working to Guarantee Access to kindergarten. Our bill, focusing on Westchester and Rockland Counties, is supported by the Westchester and Rockland assembly delegation, a growing chorus of Senators, including the Westchester Board of Legislators, and other groups.

Today we celebrate that Senate Majority Leader Jeff Klein agreed to sign on and work with Westchester United to work with us to bring our bill forward in the remaining days of the session.

Tonight, 400 community members from throughout Westchester will come out to call on Speaker Silver to bring this bill up for a vote.

Rev Bruce Baker, of All Soul's Parish in Port Chester says, **"We're asking Speaker Silver and Governor Cuomo to do the same thing that over 40 states, New York City, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, and Utica have done: Guarantee Access to Kindergarten!"**

Heriberto Contreras, of St Gabriel's Catholic Church in New Rochelle says: **"With Senate Majority Leader Klein's full endorsement, we've made real progress in a world that's designed to obstruct and stop ordinary people like us from accomplishing anything."**

We will also discuss:

*our efforts to demand reform in the gun industry, by using the purchasing power of law enforcement,

*A new regional partnership on affordable housing

*Our calls for more local minority jobs on the New NY bridge

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