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*Keeping You Informed*

I hope you all had a meaningful Thanksgiving with your friends and families last week. This week I wanted to draw your attention to two issues that have been front page news in the Journal News.

First, as those of you have been following me regularly know, I am proud to support additional investment of your tax dollars in quality **early-childhood** development. Keeping parents who want or need to work in their jobs, paying daycare workers a living wage and, most importantly as a long-term investment, giving young children a leg up on social and learning skills they will need for school and a successful life beyond --- in my book, that is a win-win-WIN proposition. Take a moment to read [this story](#) about my friends Deloris and Pat Hogan, who have operated “Dee’s Tots” on Lincoln Avenue in New Rochelle since 1985. It is the only service of its kind in my district that is open past 7pm. Consider the dilemma of parents who are forced to choose between keeping a job and caring for their children.

Next, many of you have weighed in on the proposed salary increase (the first in 15 years) for my colleagues and me at the County Board of Legislators. While I think some increase is probably merited, I don’t have a firm feeling for what that number may be. What I am most concerned about is the rushed process by which we have gotten to the point of a final vote already on something proposed just after the election. [My opinion](#) is that we should have re-constituted the long-dormant, outside panel of citizens, called the **Compensation Advisory Board**. That board would take into account, among other things, the workloads and salaries of those in similar legislative bodies. Then it would present us with the relevant data and an objective recommendation.

We have a final vote on both these issues for our next full Board meeting, this coming Monday morning, December 9, at 10 am so let me know what you think.

As you may know 2019 was the first time New Yorkers were able to vote early. I’d love to hear from you about your voting experience. Please email me at [maher@westchesterlegislators.com](mailto:maher@westchesterlegislators.com) to share your thoughts. I’ll pass along your feedback to the Westchester County Board of Elections. The more feedback we get, the more of an understanding we’ll have about the voter experience throughout our district and County. If there were any hiccups around the implementation of early voting, or if you have concerns about election day voting, it is important to share your feedback so that issues can be resolved prior to the next election. If it all went smoothly, please let me know that as well.



Lastly, for those looking for a holiday treat please consider attending the upcoming production of *the Nutcracker* by the Westchester Ballet Company (“WBC”) at the Westchester County Center. The WBC has been performing *The Nutcracker* at the County Center in White Plains for the past 23 years and has been in existence since 1950! With students from all over Westchester and Putnam there are 96 dancers performing this year. [Click here](#) for more information about tickets and performance dates and times.

