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To: Ben Boykin, Chairman of the Board of Legislators
Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk of the Board of Legislators

From: Christopher Johnson, Legislator, 16th District

Date: September 14, 2021

Re: S.A.V.E. – Students Achieve Via Education

As budget season approaches, I am once again submitting my request to draft a proposal to create a pilot program entitled S.A.V.E. – Students Achieve Via Education, for 2021 which will create and fund college savings accounts with the beginning amount of \$50 for up to 5,000 kindergarten students in Westchester County.

S.A.V.E. would be created with the intention of teaching financial literacy to children and their parents while encouraging higher education goals at an early age.

A similar program was started in St. Louis, Missouri and is operating with success. My office conducted extensive research on the operations of their program, and had several conversations with the operators in St. Louis, and this proposal is intended to follow a similar model.

While funded by the County, I propose that the S.A.V.E. program could be administered and managed through Westchester Community College.

I look forward to discussing this further with my colleagues and the Administration.

Please refer this memo and to the appropriate committees on the September 20, 2021 Westchester County Board of Legislators meeting agenda.