



A MESSAGE FROM

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Subject: A New Chapter for SUNY Downstate: Building a Stronger Future Together

Dear SUNY Downstate Community,

Last week I shared the news about our path to a stronger future for SUNY Downstate. Today, I'm writing with an update on our vision and additional information about how you can stay involved in building it together. I promise to keep you updated in multiple ways as we move forward.

SUNY Downstate is a pillar of Brooklyn's healthcare ecosystem, training a diverse pipeline of community-based doctors and nurses, conducting groundbreaking research, and providing vital care to our community. However, despite our dedication, years of financial challenges and a deteriorating hospital facility have put the future of our vital institution at risk.

The status quo is unsustainable. SUNY, in collaboration with Governor Hochul, are launching a plan to chart a new course for this essential institution, a plan that will be built with community input and focused on a thriving future.

Our Goals:

- **Investing in the Downstate Health Sciences University:** We will create an environment that empowers Downstate to train a world-class, diverse healthcare workforce, continuing its legacy as a leader in medical education with graduates that stay and work in our City.
- **Preserving inpatient care through partnerships:** We will work with nearby hospitals to ensure the community continues to receive the inpatient care they need, including dedicated SUNY Downstate space where SUNY Downstate staff will continue to provide significant inpatient services and delivery of other inpatient services in conjunction with partner hospitals, all while strengthening Downstate's presence in other key areas.

- **Expanding access to primary and urgent care:** We will address the critical need for accessible, affordable primary and urgent care services in Brooklyn by establishing dedicated facilities to serve those purposes.
- **Building the Brooklyn Institute of Health Equity:** By leveraging our research expertise and community partnerships, we will combat the systemic health disparities that plague our communities.

Community at the Core:

This plan will be shaped and improved with your input. Through surveys, focus groups, and stakeholder sessions, we will listen to your needs and concerns, ensuring your voice guides every step of the way. The future use of the hospital site will be decided collaboratively, reflecting the vision of the community it has served for generations.

Your Voice Matters:

This is a new chapter for SUNY Downstate, one filled with challenges and opportunities. We cannot succeed without your engagement. Please get involved, share your thoughts, and help us build a sustainable, vibrant future for Downstate.

Together, we can ensure that Downstate continues its legacy of excellence, serving the community, tackling health disparities, and training the next generation of healthcare leaders.

Additional Resources:

- Visit downstatetransformed.org/ for more information about the Plan
- See then [Fact Sheet](#)
- **POLITICO Pro**, [SUNY's outlines plans for Downstate amid calls for more transparency](#) (PDF [HERE](#))