**6.5.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:**

**GENERAL:**
- Day 97 of COVID-19 pandemic, Day 12 of civil unrest.
- Gov played videos showing police shoving citizens in Buffalo and NYC, with no threat to the officer shown. Said such actions were "offensive... frightening."

**REFORM:**
- Gov proposed "Say Their Name" Reform Agenda in NY, inspired by the history of black lives lost to police brutality. Four cornerstones:
  - Transparency of prior disciplinary records (50-a).
  - No chokeholds.
  - False race-based 911 reports should be a hate crime.
  - AG as independent prosecutor for police murders.
- Argued reforms worked to vindicate the overwhelming majority of good police. Said the community-police relationship must heal for progress to occur.
- Gov claimed societal change is possible, as seen with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**COVID-19:**
- Deaths 6/4: 42 (new low, number was 800 just 8 weeks ago).
- Lowest number of hospitalizations to date.

**Q&A:**

**CURFEW:**
- Reporters continuously questioned the validity of a curfew due to an increase in civilian arrests and overpolicing. In response, Gov argued an increase in law enforcement is necessary to deal with looters and clarified curfews are decided by local authorities.
- Gov noted his support for Mayor de Blasio's decision to continue implementing a curfew.

**BUFFALO:**
- Gov said he was "sick to [his] stomach" after seeing the clip of a man being shoved by police in Niagara Square and supported Mayor Brown's decision to suspend the officers responsible.
- Believes DA should review the incident for criminal charges.

**LEGISLATURE:**
- Gov in discussions with legislature on session to occur on Monday.

**POLICE:**
- In response to a reporter, Gov argued there are "sophisticated mechanisms" in the hiring of a police and doesn't believe the field attracts hyper-aggressive individuals.
- Argued police officers are aware of being filmed during protests so they are not attempting to "get away" with anything.
- Gov believes use of body cameras would be helpful.

**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS:**
- Gov will be issuing a decision on delaying school board elections by Sunday.