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Dear Neighbors,

As summer draws to a close, with Labor Day and the new school semester around the corner, it feels like the perfect time for a good news roundup.

(Some) student loan debt forgiveness: after some [back and forth](#), and despite his campaign promise to do more, President Biden is forgiving up to \$10,000 in student loan debt for borrowers who earn less than \$125,000 a year, and up to \$20,000 for Pell Grant recipients. You can read more of the nitty gritty in the White House's [fact sheet](#).

And New York State won't tax that forgiven debt: [Gothamist](#) has a good overview.

There might also be relief for holders of Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL). Excluded from the payment pauses during the pandemic and from the debt cancellation, people who hold FFEL loans might still get some help from the Education Department. CNBC has a good [explainer](#).

Cooler temperatures are coming: maybe not this week, but they're on their way! Right now our free store is still prioritizing warm weather items, but stay tuned for changes based on weather changes and neighbors' needs.

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