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State Senator Jeff Klein Announces \$18,000 in Project Boost Funds for P.s. 175 City Island

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New Funding Boosts Local School's Enrichment Opportunities for Students K-8

BRONX, NY - State Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester), joined by more than 200 local parents and school administrators, today announced \$18,000 in Project BOOST (Building Options and Opportunities for Students) funding for P.S. 175 City Island in the Bronx. The announcement came at P.S. 175's annual spring card party on Thursday, March 26th.

"Whether it's making sure our students are ready for high school or simply helping them ace that test, Project BOOST provides today's students with the tools they need to be successful tomorrow. I'm proud to have secured \$18,000 in BOOST funding for P.S. 175, and more than

\$700,000 for schools across the Bronx. Project BOOST offers our students innovative cultural and academic enrichment opportunities that will greatly influence and shape their educational paths as they move forward. I want to thank the parents and administrators for their ongoing support and commitment to great this program,” **said Senator Klein.**

“The funding Senator Klein provided to our school through Project BOOST has given us the opportunity to offer our students unique enrichment activities that improve their overall learning experience and help them grow both in and out of the classroom,” **said Amy Lipson, Principal of P.S. 175 City Island.** “This funding has been invaluable for us and opened up so many doors. We are very grateful to Senator Klein for his work with project BOOST and his efforts on behalf of all students K-12 across the Bronx.”

This year, P.S. 175 used BOOST funds to benefit students in a variety of ways, including school trips to Broadway shows, upgrading their sound system for the 5th grade play, purchasing a new electronic keyboard, a class trip to Ellis Island and more. Most recently, students have seen Mama Mia, Cinderella, Les Miserables and Wicked, and often gone out for lunch or dinner after the show. More trips are slated for this spring.

Project BOOST is an enrichment program targeted at elementary and middle school students who have demonstrated a commitment to academic success but come from disadvantaged neighborhoods. Currently, Project BOOST operates in 60 elementary and middle schools, serving more than 700 students in grades four through eight across New York City.