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## Patch: Resurrected Port Chester Student Newspaper Earns Attention From Albany

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The "Port Light" took a field trip to the New York State Capitol with an insider's look from New York State Senator Shelley Mayer. ( New York Senate)

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The PCHS "Port Light" is back to publishing and some powerful leaders have taken note of its success.

PORT CHESTER, NY — After more than a decade-long hiatus, Port Chester high School students once again have an intrepid team of reporters covering the news that matters most to the student body.

In recognition of their impressive accomplishments, lawmakers treated the teenage members of the fourth estate to special access in the state capital.

New York State Senator Shelley Mayer welcomed the staff of the Port Chester High School newspaper, The Port Light, to Albany. After more than 10 years without a student newspaper, Port Chester High School students now have access to an online version of The Port Light, thanks to the efforts of current Editor-in-Chief Shirley Guzman and her staff, who are credited with recognizing the need for a student voice on issues both local and global.

"I am very happy the staff of The Port Light was able to visit Albany today," Mayer said, "At a time when we are losing so many local news sources, these students prove there is both a need and future for strong, independent journalism. The staff of The Port Light is a remarkable group of students who have worked hard to resurrect their paper after a decade. These students are a tremendous example of what students can accomplish when given the opportunity and when they are supported by faculty that encourage creativity and individualism. Robust high school programs, particularly student newspapers, encourage confidence and leadership. I am impressed with the immense dedication and determination the Port Chester students have shown."

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