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Senator Kevin Parker Celebrates Senate Approval of Vital Legislation: The Bilingual Teachers of Tomorrow Program

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Brooklyn, NY- In a resounding victory for education equity and diversity, State Senator Kevin Parker proudly announces the successful passage of Bill S3408, The Bilingual Teachers of Tomorrow Program. This landmark legislation -- a key component of the comprehensive School and Education Diversity Package -- establishes a dedicated teacher recruitment and retention program aimed at attracting and retaining bilingual, certified teachers in areas of greatest need. Senator Parker expresses his profound satisfaction at the Senate's endorsement of this crucial initiative.

In responding to this milestone Senator Parker said: "I am elated to share the momentous news of the Senate's approval of The Bilingual Teachers of Tomorrow Program. This legislation, a vital part of our broader School and Education Diversity Package and signifies a giant leap toward addressing disparities in our education system. By creating a specialized program to attract and retain bilingual teachers, we are taking a significant step toward ensuring that our schools reflect the diversity of our communities. This is a monumental achievement for education equity and a testament to our commitment to providing all students with a well-rounded, culturally responsive learning experience."

The Bilingual Teachers of Tomorrow Program is integral to the School and Education Diversity Package designed to foster inclusivity and address the unique needs of diverse student populations. By actively recruiting and retaining bilingual teachers in areas where the need is greatest, the program seeks to bridge language and cultural gaps ultimately enhancing the overall quality of education for students in underserved communities.

This legislative success underscores Senator Parker's unwavering dedication to championing policies that promote diversity and equity in education. The Bilingual Teachers of Tomorrow Program is poised to make a lasting impact on the educational landscape, ensuring that every student, regardless of their background, has access to high-quality instruction that resonates with their unique experiences.

About State Senator Kevin Parker

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district comprising sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park, Midwood, Flatlands, Canarsie, Georgetown, Old Mill Basin, Mill Basin, Marine Park, and Bergen Beach. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, Senator Parker is the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and a member of several other Senate committees including Finance, Rules, Banks, Internet and Technology, as well as Budget and Revenue.

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