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Brooklyn, NY – On Thursday, January 9, 2025, Senator Roxanne J. Persaud hosted a meaningful and insightful youth-led roundtable discussion at South Shore Educational Campus, bringing together students from various schools within District 19 to address the

critical issue of school safety. The event provided a platform for young people to voice their concerns, ideas, and experiences related to safety in their schools.

The panel included representatives from community organizations, law enforcement, and city agencies such as New York Edge, the NYPD, the Police Athletic League, the Mayors Office and the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office. The group engaged in an open dialogue to explore a wide range of safety challenges students face today.

"These are some of the major issues we must address to ensure our students know that we are truly listening to them and taking action on the concerns they bring forward." said Senator Persaud. "If we fail to do so, we risk losing their trust and engagement in the process. It is crucial that we hear directly from the youth about the challenges they face, and together, we can work toward creating solutions that make a lasting impact."

The roundtable was divided into two parts, giving students ample opportunity to share their thoughts on what safety means to them. They discussed both physical and emotional safety concerns, highlighting issues such as bullying, the presence of law enforcement in schools, and the impact of mental health on school environments. Students also identified what they perceive as the biggest threats to school safety, including social media harassment and the need for improved conflict resolution programs.

This event is part of an ongoing series of community conversations led by Senator Persaud, where the goal is clear: to listen to the young people who will ultimately benefit from the policies and actions that stem from these discussions.

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