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New Funding Boosts Local School's Enrichment Opportunities for Students

BRONX, NY - State Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester), joined by nearly 100 local parents, students and school administrators, today announced \$18,000 in Project BOOST (Building Options and Opportunities for Students) funding for P.S. 72 in the Bronx. The announcement came at the school's Project BOOST breakfast event on Friday.

“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. 72, and more than \$700,000 for schools across the 34th Senate District. Project BOOST offers our students innovative cultural and academic enrichment opportunities that will greatly influence their educational paths and helps students grow and learn as they move forward in school. I want to thank the parents and administrators for their ongoing support and commitment to great this program,” **said Senator Klein.**

"Project BOOST has been an invaluable resource for our students and has opened the door to countless new academic opportunities that have enriched P.S. 72's curriculum, after-school programs and special events. We are very grateful to Sen. Klein for this essential funding and commend him for his efforts to improve education, provide supports and lift up all students across the Bronx and New York City," **said Margarita Colon, Principal of P.S. 72.**

This year, P.S. 72 has used BOOST funds to benefit students in a variety of ways, including ballroom dancing, class trips to see Matilda on Broadway, a visit to the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut, a trip to Times Square for bowling and a double-decker bus tour of Manhattan. P.S. 72's book club also went to pizza studio to learn about the history of pizza and the school's student council recently visited the Pittsburgh Manor in Sleepy Hollow, Massachusetts.

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 across New York City.