



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

Press Release: Senator Stewart-Cousins Visits Local Schools, Reads To Students and Discusses Public Service

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Yonkers, NY - There were so many classes to read to on Read Aloud Day in March at Paideia School 15 in Yonkers that State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins returned today at the student's request to visit a class she had missed. Senator Stewart-Cousins, who is also the Democratic Leader in the New York State Senate, read "Wolf!" by Becky Bloom to the first grade students and discussed some of her responsibilities as an elected official and representative in Albany.

“I always enjoy visiting schools in my district,” said Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who represents the 35th State Senate District. “These children are the future of New York State and we have a responsibility to ensure they receive the high quality education they deserve. As a former teacher, I understand the struggles our state’s educators and students face each and every day, and that is why I will keep up the fight to fund and improve education.”

As a former teacher who attended public school, sent her children to public schools and whose grandchildren attend public schools, Senator Stewart-Cousins understands the vitally important role public schools play in educating New York State children.

Today’s visit is the latest one made to a local school as part of the Senator’s continuing commitment to education. Last week, Senator Stewart-Cousins was at the Albert Leonard Middle School in New Rochelle and spoke to students as part of their Career Day event. She also attended a citizenship and scholarship award ceremony by the Yonkers Council of PTA’s. Last month, she spoke at a school district and parent forum in New Rochelle, attended a Scarsdale Forum discussion on the new teacher evaluations, and spoke to students at Yonkers Middle High School. She also toured White Plains High School, stopping in several classrooms to observe and greet students. Also in April, the Senator supported the Woodlands Falcons Nest Booster Club and Middle and High School PTSA’s at their Taste Off to help raise money for sports programs in Greenburgh. In February, she was a guest speaker in two classes at Lincoln High School during Black History Month.