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SENATOR KLEIN & COUNCILMAN COHEN ANNOUNCE \$800,000 IN FUNDING FOR RIVERDALE KINGSBRIDGE ACADEMY

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Funds will upgrade school's 60-year-old auditorium

Bronx, NY - Senator Jeff Klein and Councilman Andrew Cohen announced \$800,000 in joint funding for the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy at the school's Parent Association Gala on Saturday night. The two elected officials each secured \$400,000 for RKA, which will be used for a host of upgrades to the school's 60-year-old auditorium.

"I'm proud to jointly allocate funds with Councilman Cohen for auditorium upgrades at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy. RKA is a premier public school that deserves a modernized auditorium to accommodate the talented middle and high school students it serves. This \$800,000 in joint funding will provide beneficial renovations to bring their auditorium into the 21st century," **said Senator Jeff Klein.**

"RKA's auditorium is not only used by over 1,000 students, but it's also used extensively by the community. The funds that Senator Klein and I were able to secure for these necessary renovations will modernize the auditorium and enhance the space for the entire community to enjoy," **said Council Member Andrew Cohen.**

"Many thanks to our local elected officials, State Senator Jeffrey Klein and Council Member Andrew Cohen for providing generous funding to support the renovation of our 60-year-old auditorium. The funding will allow us to install much-needed air conditioning units, new lighting, A/V system, curtains and overhead rigging," **said Lori O'Mara, Principal of Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy.** "Without this sizable influx of funding we would not be able to upgrade so many items at once. On behalf of the entire Riverdale community, of which many organizations use our auditorium facilities, I would like to express my sincere gratitude. Thank you, Senator Klein and Council Member Cohen!"