



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jeffrey D. Klein

## Senator Klein announces a \$152,000 grant for Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation

JEFFREY D. KLEIN July 14, 2017

| ISSUE: **EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, CONSTITUENTS CORNER**



*The funding will support middle and high school summer programs in the Bronx*

**Bronx, NY– Senator Jeff Klein** announced that he is supporting the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF) with a \$152,000 grant in state funding. The funds have already been invested in free summer academy programs that are underway by SASF in the Bronx. The enrichment programs offer incoming middle and high school students an intensive, hands-on academic boost to ensure a smooth transition into the next phase of their education.

Senator Klein made the announcement on Thursday, July 13 at Pelham Lab High School at Lehman, one of four Bronx schools offering summer programs through SASF, benefiting from Klein's grant. The other locations impacted by the grant will include P.S. 83, High School for Teaching and Professions and J.H.S 127.

"Students enrolled at the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation summer programs learn from top-notch teachers who are committed to providing them with the resources needed to excel in their future years. I'm thrilled to provide this funding to SASF, which is giving hundreds of Bronx students within my district the tools needed to succeed," **said Senator Jeff Klein.**

"We are delighted to receive the funds from State Senator Klein's generous grant to support our summer program efforts," **shared Maureen Fonseca, CEO, Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF).** "These critical funds will provide our incoming freshmen with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully navigate high school, college, and beyond."

"Summer learning is an essential element to closing the achievement gap and ensuring educational equity across our city and state," **said Principal Jason Wagner, Pelham Lab High School.** "These 21st century skills will help these students achieve and compete in the years ahead."

The Pelham Lab High School 9th grade summer academy kicked off July 5, and will end on August 3. The program, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays, focuses on computer literacy, creative writing, photography, robotics, physical fitness and sports. The overarching goal of the freshman program is to ensure the students are equipped to succeed, both in high school and in higher education.

#### **ABOUT SPORTS & ARTS IN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

The Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF) is a non-profit organization and one of the largest providers of school-based afterschool programs in New York City and the

metropolitan region. The organization impacts more than 25,000 students from over 110 sites in grades K-12 typically in underserved neighborhoods. Programs run before or after the school day, year-round (including Saturdays, over the summer, and holiday periods). To learn more, visit [www.SASFNY.org](http://www.SASFNY.org).