



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR  
Jose Peralta

## Senator Peralta Secures Funding for 82 Street Academics in Jackson Heights

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Today, State Senator Jose Peralta announced funding he helped secure in this year's state budget to assist local schools. In this particular case, Senator Peralta announced a \$75,000 allocation for 82 Street Academics, which will go to support the center's initiative to complement public education with after-school programs that will provide students with the necessary tools to have access to higher education and educational opportunities.

"Education is the key to success, and this is why we must ensure schoolchildren have access to programs that encourage them in taking steps toward college. It is never too early to start thinking about college and possible areas of study," **Senator Peralta** told some Middle School

students from the 82 Street Academics. “I am glad I was able to secure funds for this academic center that seeks to prepare students for college years in advance.”

“We are surprised and grateful for Senator Peralta’s support of 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Academics. Any advocacy towards youth achievement in our neighborhood is appreciated. Our students are in a silent crisis – high school graduation rates of 65% and 38% high school graduation for English Language Learners,” **Mallory Tompkins, Director of Instruction and Learning at 82 Street Academics** said. “Our students are not slow to learn, they are slow to receive the education all students deserve with normal class sizes. Senator Peralta’s grant will be used in our mission to protect the path to college for students of New York City.”