

**NEW YORK STATE SENATOR** 

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## Sen. Helming Honors Sodus Spartans Boys Soccer Team for Section Championship

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SODUS – Senator Pam Helming recently visited the Sodus Central School District Board of Education meeting to recognize student-athletes from the Sodus Spartans boys varsity soccer team. The team won the Section V, Class C1 championship during the fall season. During the meeting, she presented a New York State Senate Proclamation to the team and gave New York State Senate Citations to the players and coaches. Along with the section championship, the boys collected several individual honors along the way. These included: Will Lamar and Ryan DeBadts, First Team All-League; Marquese Burton, Collin Karasinski, and John Molisani, Second Team All-League; Donovan Fillmore, Third Team All-League; and Will Lamar, Ryan DeBadts, John Molisani, Collin Karasinski, and Donovan Fillmore, Section V All-Tournament Team.

"Winning a section championship is about much more than just being able to kick a soccer ball and score or defend goals. It takes a group of people who are willing to work together as a team instead of play on their own as individuals. It takes a tremendous amount of diligence and persistence. It also takes a tremendous amount of commitment and determination, especially at the high school level, with homework, extracurricular activities, jobs, and other obligations along with practices and games. A championship is something that is truly earned by everyone on the team, not something handed to them. All of the players and coaches from the Spartans should be proud of their championships – every single one of them contributed to their team's title in some way. They also made their school proud, their community proud, and our entire region proud. It was a privilege to honor these outstanding student-athletes and coaches, and I wish them much success next season and beyond," Senator Helming said.