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## Senator Thompson Holds Annual School Supply Giveaway

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**Buffalo, NY** – NYS Senator Antoine M. Thompson (D-Parts of Erie & Niagara Counties) held his annual school supply give-away for children in the 60<sup>th</sup> District. The event took place September 5, 2009 in Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Tonawanda.

"Every year, the school supply give-away is very successful," said Senator Thompson. "This year we were able to provide quality school supplies for over 700 children," said Senator Thompson.

Donations for this event were received from several individuals and companies including; Eaton School Supplies, Project Flight Buffalo State College, the Buffalo Teachers Federation, St. John Baptist Church, Met Life, Director for 529 College Funds Office of the State Comptroller, State of New York Department of Health, Executive Director Police Athletic League of Buffalo Inc. and the University at Buffalo.

The University at Buffalo was a huge supporter of the school supply give-away this year pulling together to donate more than 5,000 pieces adding up to more than \$2,500 worth of supplies. This was a university wide event which included all three of their campuses and thirty-nine collection locations.

"This is one of the ways we can support the University at Buffalo's educational mission and our Pre K - 12 initiatives by providing young people with the tools they need to have a successful year in school," said Marsha Henderson, Vice President for External Affairs.

School supplies that were donated include: Kleenex, Lysol type wipes, small cups, large book bags, folders, crayons and pencils, composition notebooks, scissors, glue, hand sanitizer, gallon size plastic bags, cleaning supplies, glue sticks, pocket folders, wipe-off markets, earphones, colored pencils, erasers, rulers, highlighters, index cards, clipboards, folders with prongs, hand soap, notebook paper, basic calculators, binders, dividers, pencil sharpeners, pocket dictionary, containers for supplies, pens, removable drives, planners and graphing calculators.