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## Senator Serrano Expresses Disappointment over Closing of the Saint Jerome School

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(South Bronx, NY)- "I am deeply saddened and disappointed to learn of the Archdiocese's decision to continue with the closing of the Saint Jerome School," said Senator Serrano. "It was my hope that the Archdiocese would provide St. Jerome with a viable plan to allow the school to remain open. Not only is the school an iconic presence for residents of the South Bronx, but it has a long history of providing an outstanding education to the youth of our community, many of whom are new immigrants. I strongly urge the Archdiocese to reconsider this troublesome decision so that children who attend St. Jerome may continue to receive the quality education that they deserve," continued Serrano.

On December 12, 2012, Senator Serrano, along with parents, children, and other community leaders, spoke at a press conference urging against the closing of Saint Jerome School in the South Bronx. In addition, the Senator wrote a letter to the Archdiocese asking them to reconsider their initial proposal to close the school. Official announcement of closure of the school was provided by the Archdiocese on January 22, 2012 at 5:00pm.