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James L. Seward

State Grant Will Bring Technology To Roxbury Central, Community-At-Large

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ROXBURY, 10/11/13 – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) today announced a \$100,000 state grant to assist [Roxbury Central School](#) with construction of the Numann Technology Center.

“Our schools are faced with growing financial demands while, at the same time, student needs are also on the rise,” said Senator Seward. **“I am pleased to partner with Roxbury Central School to ensure that our students have the tools they need to succeed in the classroom and thrive when they**

leave.”

The legislative grant secured by Senator Seward is being used to help fund the Numann Technology Center. The new media and technology center, named in honor of 1949 graduate Guy Numann, will contain new technology based educational tools that will aid students, faculty and the community-at-large.

“This grant, along with the generous gift from Guy Numann and the Greater Roxbury Learning Initiative Corporation (GRLIC), will greatly assist students as they strive to master new technology needed to be college and career ready. Opening the center to the community will bring added dividends to all. The state grant and other donations also mean the innovative new space comes without any added burden for property tax payers,” Seward added.

Roxbury Central School Superintendent Thomas O’Brien said, “Our teachers and faculty work extremely hard to educate every student that walks through our doors. It is a mission that we embrace and strive to fulfill in collaboration with our many community partners including Guy Numann and GRLIC. Senator Seward recognizes the challenges we face as a small, rural school district and is working with us to confront and surpass those challenges.”

“Students from rural areas are often left with fewer curriculum opportunities due solely to their school districts’ size. I have fought consistently for fair distribution of state education aid to help guarantee that a New York State education is a New York State education, no matter where the school is located. When gaps still exist, I have advocated for grants like this to help level the playing field,” Seward concluded.

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Photo caption: Senator James L. Seward tours storage space at Roxbury Central School that will be converted to the Numan Technology Center. From left, Megan Cronk, Amelia Schuman, Roxbury Central School Superintendent Thomas O'Brien, Senator Seward, and

Greater Roxbury Learning Initiative Corporation (GRLIC) Executive Director Jenn Schuman.