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## Senator Flanagan Secures Funding To Benefit Commack School Students

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Senator John Flanagan (2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District) recently announced that he has secured funding for the Commack Public Schools. The funding, the result of Senator Flanagan's ongoing efforts to secure educational funding for Commack students, will help enhance technology in facilities throughout the school district.

Over the past four years, Senator Flanagan has secured close to \$300,000 in additional aid to the district that has been used for a variety of technology projects. The funding has offset

the cost of hardware purchases to provide each school in the Commack School District with advanced technology that will enable students to expand their understanding and use of modern computers and technology.

Over the past four years, the funding secured by Senator Flanagan has enabled the district to purchase 170 iPads and 50 Apple TVs that display the iPad screen to allow group projects via the interactive whiteboard. It also has enabled the district to expand its network infrastructure through additional WiFi access points. In addition, the district purchased multifunction printers that can scan documents so that they are able to be sent digitally via email or to a folder to save the school money on printing and ink costs.

To enable all of the schools to work together, every building throughout the district now has a video conferencing camera, used for virtual field trips, and collaboration between classes in different buildings.

Additionally, to help protect the children in the district's schools, the administration used some of the funding secured by Senator Flanagan for Multiple Axis Security Cameras.

"Over the years, we have worked very closely with the Commack School District to assist them in their efforts to provide its students with a well-rounded education. By using this funding to expand educational opportunities and enhance security, the school is providing students with an expanded learning experience in a safer school environment," stated Senator Flanagan.

"The influx of technology funding is an enormous benefit to our students," stated Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Donald James. "The new technology enabled teachers to integrate the latest, educationally appropriate applications and websites into their lessons using new computers and tablets. In addition, we also utilized the funds to support improved connectivity to the new devices as well as enhancements to our security surveillance system. From our youngest pre-readers to our advanced science research students, Senator Flanagan's grant has brought new opportunities for an enriched learning experience. He has our deepest thanks."