



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jack M. Martins

## Senator Martins Announces New State Funding For Hicksville School District Improvement Project

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Senator Jack M. Martins (R-7th Senate District) announced that he has secured \$100,000 in state funding for the Hicksville School District to undertake an improvement project.

The district will use the state funds to replace, repair, and renovate the playgrounds at its seven elementary schools, which are used by students during the school day and by the community on nights and weekends. Additional equipment will also be purchased that will align with the District's Health and Wellness Curriculum and support its commitment to battling obesity by increasing cardio-vascular conditioning. Funds will also be used to purchase fibar, an engineered wood fiber play surface, to enhance safety for children.

"By making these improvements, the Hicksville School District will be giving children a safer, more modern place to exercise and develop their social and problem solving skills. This is a project that will benefit Hicksville's students and children throughout the community. I'm pleased to support the district's efforts," said Senator Martins.

"The district is thankful for the additional funding from Senator Martins and for the support he has shown for helping our schools provide our children with the services and facilities they need and deserve," said Dr. Carl Bonuso, Superintendent of Schools. "Our playgrounds provide our students with opportunities for exercise and socialization during

recess. As a district, we stress the importance of focusing on fitness and health, while also allowing the students to be children and enjoy playtime!"