



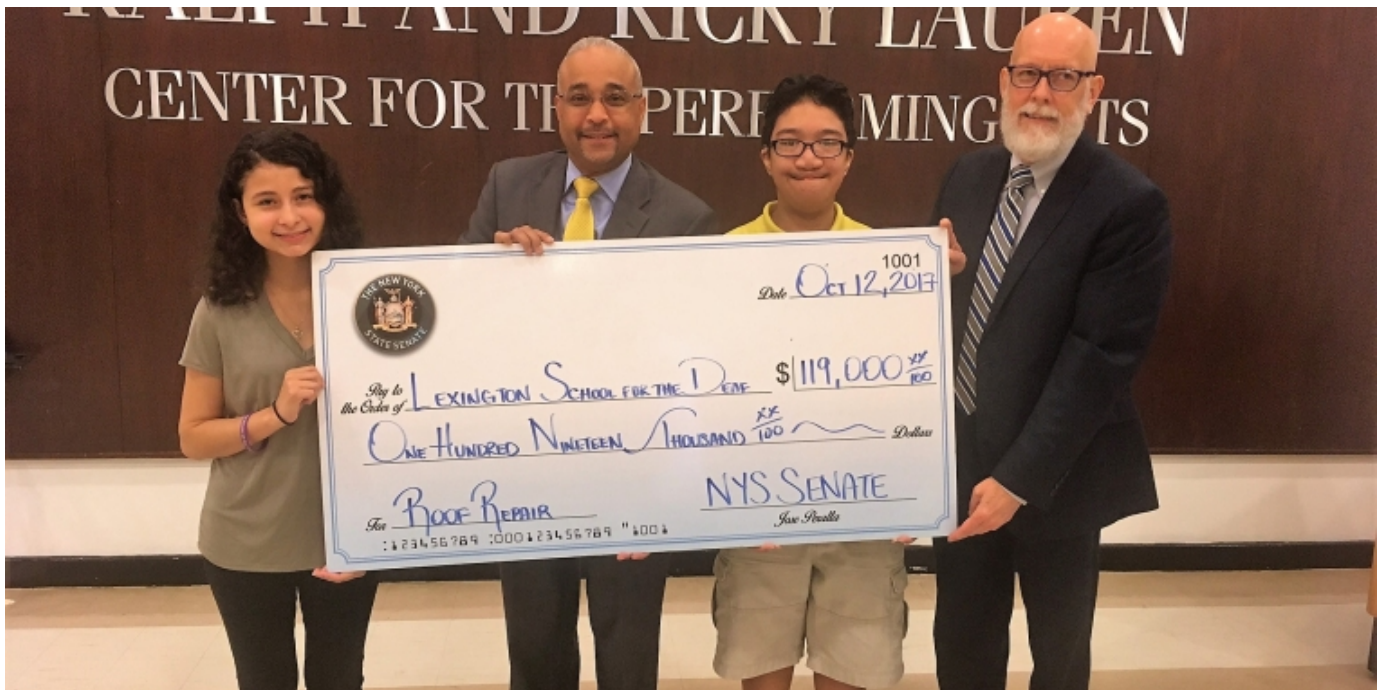
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## Senator Jose Peralta Announces Funding for Critical Project to Repair Rooftop at Lexington School for the Deaf

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State Senator Jose Peralta announced state funding for a critical capital improvement project for the Lexington School for the Deaf, a project that will repair the 50-year-old roofing system. As it stands, the 4,500-square-foot roof over one wing of the school has to be replaced, as well as its adjacent walkway corridor. Senator Peralta secured a \$119,000 state allocation for the project. CEO Donald Galloway, Principal Jane Moran and several students were present during the announcement.

“We must ensure our students are safe when they are in school. Not having to deal with leaks from an old roof is essential to the health and safety of students. I am glad I was able to secure funds in this year’s state budget to repair the damaged roof and the walkway in the school,” **said Senator Peralta.**

“Lexington School for the Deaf has been providing deaf education to New York City’s children since 1864. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Senator Jose Peralta for securing this state allocation. Senator Peralta recognizes the importance of investing in the capital needs of schools. This gift will repair the fifty-year-old roof on our school and allow us to continue our work to enable deaf children to be successful students and citizens,” **said CEO/Superintendent Lexington School for the Deaf Donald Galloway.** “We are grateful to Senator Peralta for this grant, and for his ongoing support of Lexington and its students.”

The roof and adjacent corridor need replacement due to several indicators of roof damage, such as poor drainage and standing water found in several locations of the roof. The Lexington School for the Deaf was founded in 1864 and is the largest school for the deaf in the entire state. It serves children from all five boroughs in the City from 3-months to 21-years-old. Almost half of the students are from Queens.