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Donation helped the team reach their funding goal for this weekend's tournament

Bronx, NY - Senator Jeff Klein and Councilman Mark Gjonaj delivered a \$1300 donation to the P.S. 89 cheerleading squad during their "Send them off to Nationals" celebration on Wednesday inside the P.S. 89 middle school auditorium. The donation, which will be used to help cover expenses, helped the team reach their \$21,500 funding goal for the historic trip to

the National High School Cheerleading Championship this weekend in Orlando, Florida.

"The P.S. 89 cheerleaders are an extraordinarily talented group of athletes who've made The Bronx proud for being the first public middle school in the borough's history to compete in National Cheerleading Championship. I'm thrilled to partner with Councilman Gjonaj to help make this trip a reality for them by sponsoring one of their cheerleaders, and I wish them the best of luck at Nationals," said Senator Klein.

"The P.S. 89 cheerleaders are the epitome of the Bronx's famous "can do" spirit. I salute the entire team for their determination, focus and drive. I'm proud to stand with Senator Jeff Klein and all other Bronxites as we wish these inspirational athletes the best of luck at this year's National Cheerleading Championship," said Councilman Mark Gjonaj.

"I am so grateful for the tremendous support from our community," said P.S. 89 Cheerleading Coach, Angelica Reyes. "It is such an honor to have Senator Klein and Mark Gjonaj come out to support the team. I cannot thank them enough!"

The elected officials also presented certificates honoring the team, who represent the first public middle school in The Bronx to qualify for the tournament.