



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Phillips Welcomes Westbrook Preparatory Students To State Capital

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Senator Elaine Phillips announced today that the New York State Senate has passed a formal Resolution, which she sponsored, commending Westbrook Preparatory School in Westbury on celebrating its 7th anniversary. Senator Phillips met with students and administrators from Westbrook at the State Capital today.

“As the first residential New York State Regents junior/senior high school for students with Asperger syndrome, high functioning autism and related conditions, the Westbrook

Preparatory School provides direct intervention and long term planning to help students adapt, communicate and learn,” Senator Elaine Phillips said. “The school creates a supportive, therapeutic environment to allow each student to develop the daily living skills and emotional strength while furthering their education. It was an honor to welcome students and faculty to the State Capital and pass a formal New York State Resolution celebrating the school’s anniversary.”

The Westbrook Preparatory School is the first residential New York State Regents junior/senior high school for students with Asperger syndrome, high functioning autism and related conditions and it began with concerned parents who had something in common: a child with high functioning autism.

In 2006, New York State started a plan to bring students with special needs back to New York who had previously been sent out of state due to a lack of well-suited schools. As a result, New York opened the Westbrook Preparatory School in 2011.