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## Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Partners With New York State Laborers' LECET, Woodside On The Move For Back To School Backpack Giveaway

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WOODSIDE, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris joined LiUNA and Woodside on the Move for a back to school supplies giveaway. He partnered with the Woodside on the Move and New York State Laborers' LECET. Senator Gianaris gave away over 75 backpacks and coloring books to children and families in Woodside. The backpacks were donated under LIUNA's Feel the Care program.

“With the school year underway, the need for school supplies continues for many families,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “I thank GNY LECET and Woodside on the Move for their partnership in this effort.”

Woodside on the Move partnered with a number of area elected officials and community organizations as part of their Back to School Distribution, including U.S. Rep. Grace Meng, State Assembly Members Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas and Brian Barnwell, New York City Council Members Tiffany Cabán and Julie Won, the Mets Foundation, New York City Department of Youth and Community Development, and Beacon Healthcare.

Photos from the event are [available here](#).

**Adriana Beltran, Deputy Executive Director of Woodside on the Move** said, “I thank New York State Laborers' LECET, Senator Gianaris, Rep. Meng, Assembly Member Gonzalez Rojas, Council Member Julie Won and all our elected leaders and community partners for making our back to school supply distribution a success. This is such a great opportunity to ensure Woodside students are ready to go back to school and to grow and empower our local community further.”

**Patrick Purcell, Executive Director, New York State Laborers' LECET** said, “Creating meaningful partnerships within the communities our members live and work in provides us with the opportunity to make a positive impact for those in need. We’re proud to partner with Rep. Grace Meng, New York Senator Michael Gianaris, Woodside on the Move, and other local elected officials to help get the school year off to a strong start.”

**Assembly Member Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas** said, “Western Queens neighborhoods are always in need of more resources. I am pleased to partner with other elected leaders, Woodside on the Move, and Greater New York Laborers Employers Corporation and Education Trust as we prepare our students for another school year and build a stronger sense of community around us.”