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Grilling Up Food, Unity, and Academic Success

Sen. Martinez to host Wheatley Heights barbecue and school supply distribution

WHEATLEY HEIGHT, N.Y. – New York State Sen. Monica R. Martinez will host her Second Annual End of Summer Community BBQ on Sunday, August 25, 2024, in Wheatley Heights. Along with delicious food, great music, and sweet treats, the event will feature a backpack and supply distribution, as well as free barber services, to ensure every child in the Fourth Senatorial District is prepared for the upcoming school year.

“This barbecue is more than just a celebration – it’s an investment in our community and our children’s future,” Sen. Martinez said. “The event is about uniting neighbors, supporting one another, and guaranteeing that no child is left behind. By providing essential supplies and services, we’re ensuring every student in our district is prepared to succeed as they head back to school.”

The BBQ will take place from noon to 2 p.m. at Hermann Griem Park, 54 Brown Blvd., Wheatley Heights, NY 11798, with backpacks available while supplies last. Last year’s event drew more than 500 people from across the district. This backpack distribution is the summer’s second organized by Sen. Martinez; the first, held in Brentwood, attracted an estimated 1,500 students.

Members of the media are welcome to film and photograph the celebration and interview attendees; however, there will not be a formal press event.