

## \$22 Million Allocated to Soundproof Kearny High School

New Central Air Conditioning, Windows, Doors, Heating and Ventilation

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Washington, DC -- Representative Steve Rothman (NJ-9) is joined by U.S. Senators Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Robert Menendez (D-NJ) today in thanking the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for working with them to finally provide the money to soundproof Kearny High School in Kearny, NJ - albeit after two years worth of delays.

"I am so pleased to announce that the Federal Aviation Administration will be allocating \$22,030,000 to finally soundproof Kearny High School. After working with my colleagues, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to ensure that the FAA fulfilled its obligations, I am now proud to announce that construction will begin this year," said Rep. Rothman. "For far too long the students of Kearny High School have been forced to endure the deafening sound of aircraft landing at and taking off from Newark Liberty International Airport."

"Students at Kearny High School need to hear their teachers, not the roar of jumbo jets flying overhead. This critically needed funding is great news for the students and teachers at Kearny High School and will go a long way in reducing the noise they endure from Newark Liberty Airport," said Senator Lautenberg.

"From the classroom to the conference room to the dining room, the constant roar of jet engines can be tremendously disruptive. This investment will help ensure that we keep the airplane noise down around Newark Liberty, which allows the airport to be a better neighbor to the surrounding businesses, communities and families," said Senator Menendez.

The 87-year-old Kearny High School, with a student body of 2,000 children, will receive soundproofing funds under the FAA's Airport Improvement Program. Kearny High School is located just five miles from Newark Liberty International Airport, where there have been more than one million flights since 2007. The \$22,030,000 in federal funding will be used to support the ongoing efforts at the school to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise. This includes such measures as the installation of state of the art, central air conditioning, as well as the soundproofing of all windows and doors, plus new heating and ventilation.

"Learning is hard enough without the roar of jet engines overhead and I thank Senator Lautenberg, Senator Menendez, the FAA, and the Port Authority for their help in making this project a reality," said Rep. Rothman.

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