

Hackensack School Will Receive Almost \$2 Million in Federal Funds for Teterboro Airport Noise Abatement Project

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Rep. Rothman Announces That Hackensack School Will Receive Almost \$2 Million in Federal Funds for Teterboro Airport Noise Abatement Project

(Hackensack, NJ) - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) today announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation will provide a grant of \$1,941,165 for soundproofing and other noise abatement efforts at the Jackson Avenue Elementary School in Hackensack, New Jersey. The 83-year-old K-4 school, with a student body of approximately 460 children, will be improved with soundproofing funds under the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program, which Rothman worked to secure through his position on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, The Judiciary, and District of Columbia. The federal funding is expected to support ongoing efforts at the school to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise through such measures as the installation of soundproof windows and doors, central air-conditioning, and insulation for ceilings and walls.

"We have been fighting the battle to improve the quality of life for residents of communities surrounding Teterboro Airport who have suffered from the endless drone of aircraft noise for many years," Representative Rothman said. "Securing these funds will eliminate the distractions of aircraft noise inside their school and allow these children a better opportunity to learn. This is an important step forward in our efforts to make life better for the people who live around Teterboro Airport," said Congressman Rothman.

"For too long, residents, workers, and students in several Bergen County communities have been obliged to endure the deafening sound of aircraft landing at and taking off from Teterboro Airport. Learning is hard enough without the roar of jet engines overhead," said Congressman Rothman, who represents all of Hackensack.

The soundproofing program is a joint effort by the Port Authority and the FAA, with approximately 80 percent of the funding coming from the federal Airport Improvement Program. It was secured through funding provided by the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century ("AIR-21").