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## STATE REPS. ARCONTI AND GODFREY APPLAUD SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

**State Representatives David Arconti** (D-109<sup>th</sup>) and **Bob Godfrey** (D-110<sup>th</sup>) today announced that significant funding for Danbury High School was adopted in Senate Bill #503 that authorized bonds for capital improvements, transportation, and school building projects. The measure was approved in the Senate last night and it's expected to be voted on by the House later today.

Under the state school construction grant program, the state reimburses towns and local districts for a percentage of eligible school construction costs.

"I am proud to have been instrumental in securing critical additional funding for Danbury High School," **Rep. Arconti** said. "This is a huge victory for Danbury, especially at a time when our school enrollment continues to rise and we prepare to tackle the demands of a quality education for our students."

The bill authorizes 17 state school construction grants totaling \$270.8 million related to total project costs of \$479.7 million. It also reauthorizes and changes grant commitments, due to cost and scope changes, for seven previously authorized local projects with a total increased grant commitment of \$16.2 million.

**Arconti** noted, "Danbury will now be eligible for almost 20% greater reimbursement for associated costs of replacing the school roof – an amount which is expected to save the City over \$8 million."

**Rep. Godfrey** said, "I've been working hard to bring our taxpayer money home to the town where I was born, and I'm very happy to succeed in the construction of the new Freshman Academy at Danbury High."

This measure includes a \$31.7 million state grant which will reimburse the City of Danbury for the construction of a new Freshman Academy at Danbury High School – a project totaling over \$50 Million.

The project will include the construction of a theater, two music classrooms, a new entrance way and an expansion of the existing cafeteria, along with various other upgrades to the building's existing infrastructure.

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