

# Press Release

## COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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### **14 STUDENTS RECEIVE SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE'S CHARACTER EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Suffolk County Legislator Bill Lindsay III recently presented fourteen 5<sup>th</sup> grade students with the Suffolk County Legislature's Character Excellence Award at their perspective graduation ceremonies. The Suffolk County Legislature's Character Excellence Award is given annually to students who best represent their school, who take initiative in helping their peers succeed, and who demonstrate integrity, accountability, character, and leadership.

"As the father of 2 young students I know how much is demanded of all of our graduates and as leaders we must take time to recognize our student's efforts and achievements," said Legislator Bill Lindsay III. "These 14 students stood out for their kindness, compassion, and their innate civic mindfulness within our community. Congratulations to all of the graduates and best of luck as you enter Middle School."

This year's winners are:

<b>Academy Street Elementary School</b>	<i>Brendan Lessing</i>
<b>Bosti Elementary School</b>	<i>Luke Buckley</i>
<b>Cherry Avenue Elementary School</b>	<i>Gabriella Meza</i>
<b>Hiawatha Elementary School</b>	<i>Catherine Kidby</i>
<b>Idle Hour Elementary School</b>	<i>Kevin Watters</i>
<b>John Pearl Elementary School</b>	<i>Katie Brennan &amp; Ann O'Connor</i>
<b>Lincoln Avenue Elementary School</b>	<i>Isabella Graziano</i>
<b>Merrimac Elementary School</b>	<i>Amir Gharbi</i>
<b>Nokomis Elementary School</b>	<i>Jacob Tanner</i>
<b>Sunrise Drive Elementary School</b>	<i>Jordan Messina</i>
<b>Sylvan Avenue Elementary School</b>	<i>Emma Young</i>
<b>Tamarac Elementary School</b>	<i>Kassandra Suarez</i>
<b>Waverly Avenue Elementary School</b>	<i>Sara Ann Mauro</i>

All Elementary Schools in the 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative District were notified, however not all participated

\*Suffolk County Legislator Bill Lindsay III is the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and Vice Chairman of the Government Operations, Personnel, Housing, and Consumer Protection Committee. Bill represents the 8<sup>th</sup> legislative district which consists of Bayport, Blue Point, Bohemia, Holbrook, Holtsville, Oakdale, Sayville, West Sayville and parts of North Patchogue.