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Legislator Muratore Collecting School Supplies to Help Those in Need

“Please Support the Backpack Pirates Program”



Selden, NY – Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) is pleased to announce his participation in the Backpack Pirate Back to School Program, through a partnership with The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless and Holiday Magic. Over 4,000 children in need on Long Island will receive backpacks and school supplies, and Legislator Muratore’s district office will be one of many donation drop-off spots. Additionally, more than 400 children from shelters and foster care will participate in Back Pack Pirates, a one-day, pirate-themed summer camp experience on August 25.

“I am so happy to help the students in our area. Each child deserves to start the year off right, feeling prepared and confident,” stated Legislator Muratore. “During these tough economic times, every pencil and notebook count, and I am asking for the community’s help. Watch the circulars for bargains. Many of the office supply stores have deals on school supplies this time of year. When you stock up for your own family, why not grab a few extra things to help another child?” concluded Muratore.

Items needed include (but are not limited to):

backpacks, pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, loose leaf paper, glue sticks, erasers, index cards, rulers, safety scissors, lunch boxes, tissues and baby wipes. (continued)

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Supplies should be brought to Legislator Muratore's office, located at 325 Middle Country Road, Suite 3, Selden (Waldbaum's shopping center), Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm. Please drop off items no later than Friday, August 21. For more information, call 631-854-9292 or email tom.muratore@suffolkcountyny.gov.