

Senate Resolution No. 1040

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Mineola Middle School upon the occasion of its designation as a "School to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform on June 26, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend outstanding educational institutions within the State of New York that exemplify excellence in instruction, innovation, and commitment to the holistic development of their students; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mineola Middle School, located in Mineola, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as a "School to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed designation is awarded to select middle schools across the nation that demonstrate outstanding performance in the areas of academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity, and effective organizational structures; and

WHEREAS, Mineola Middle School joins an elite group of only 42 middle schools in New York State to be recognized with this honor, a reflection of its sustained commitment to fostering a learning environment that supports the academic, social, and emotional growth of all students; and

WHEREAS, The "Schools to Watch" recognition follows a rigorous application and evaluation process, including in-depth self-assessment and external review by experienced educators and program administrators, designed to identify schools that serve as models of effective middle-level education; and

WHEREAS, The recognition of Mineola Middle School underscores the hard work, dedication, and vision of its leadership, faculty, staff, students, and community in creating a school culture grounded in excellence and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, Mineola Middle School will be formally honored for this outstanding achievement at the National Forum's annual conference in Washington, D.C. on June 26, 2025, joining a distinguished network of nationally recognized Schools to Watch; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend schools that inspire and empower young learners while setting a high standard for public education in New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mineola Middle School upon the occasion of its designation as a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades

Reform, and to extend sincere congratulations to the school community on this remarkable achievement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mineola Middle School.