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Your opinion

Board grateful for Marchi's stand

The following was sent to Senator John J. Marchi:

It was an extraordinary experience for the [Staten Island Community] School Board to recently meet with you in your office in Albany and to have the opportunity to share dialogue with ... [you], Mr. Jaffe, and particularly, Professor Robert Berne of the Marchi Commission.

Our board is delighted over your sensitivity to the educational needs of Staten Island, particularly in your support of achieving a LEA [local educational association] status experimentally as well as Staten Island remaining one school board.

The School Board of Staten Island, in coordination and cooperation with the total education community (Council of Supervisors and Administrators, United Federation of Teachers, District Council 37, S.I. Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations, Advancement for Better Education) I am sure, will work very hard in supporting the Marchi Commission Report as you outlined it to us last week, and hope we can assist you in urging our state legislators to move on the Marchi Commission recommendations and to allow progressive legislation in education in New York State.

We admire your efforts and your concern on behalf of the children of New York City, New York State, but most fondly, of Staten Island.

Your efforts have won our fullest cooperation.

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