

## Announcing \$ 3.4 Million Grant for Soundproofing at St. Francis of Assisi

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Rothman Announces Over \$3.4 Million Grant for Soundproofing at St. Francis of Assisi School in Hackensack, NJ

(Washington, DC)—Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced a federal grant totaling \$3.4 million to soundproof St. Francis of Assisi in Hackensack, New Jersey. Currently, the students and teachers at St. Francis, a school serving pre-kindergarten through 8th grade, are distracted by aircraft noise caused by planes flying in and out of nearby Teterboro Airport. This project will lessen the impact of that noise.

"I am very pleased to see that this federal money will be used to improve the educational atmosphere at St. Francis," said Rothman. "This soundproofing program has been a success at other schools and will certainly benefit students at St. Francis. They deserve the opportunity to learn without the constant interruption of roaring jet engines."

This \$3.4 million grant was made available through the nationwide Airport Improvement Program. To date, over \$30 million in soundproofing grants have been made available to Bergen County schools, according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Of that amount, Jackson Avenue Elementary School in Hackensack, NJ received over \$6.9 million for soundproofing and Bergen County Vocational High School received over \$3.4 million.

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