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We are writing to provide an update to our school community of our progress and next steps in seeking the funding to rebuild Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School.

Last week, members of the Binghamton City School District's administration and Board of Education met with Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and incoming New York State Senator Lea Webb to discuss the community's desire to rebuild Roosevelt without closing any other schools at this time. We asked about the opportunity and process of accessing three cycles of state building aid funding up front. Legislation is being drafted and will need to pass in order to secure the funding to position the district to rebuild Roosevelt.

Representatives from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) Office of Facilities Planning will tour the existing facility. We hope to show how critical rebuilding this facility is to our community, and the importance of our only north side elementary school to the surrounding neighborhoods. We will also be seeking advocacy from state education organizations like NYSED, New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA), NYS Association of Small City School Districts (NYSASCSD), and the New York State Council of School Superintendent (NYSCOSS). We appreciate the support of our state representatives in this process, as well as that of the BCSD community. We will continue to keep you updated in the weeks and months ahead.

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