

Preston High School

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PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN, SECURES INDEPENDENCE

The Office of New York State Attorney General Letitia James Facilitates Settlement With RDC, Oversees Bally's Foundation Purchase of the School

Bronx, NY – Preston High School proudly announces that it will remain open, following weeks of an extraordinary outpouring of support from students, alumnae, elected officials, and the broader community. Just one week after New York State Attorney General Letitia James held a public hearing on Preston's future, her office facilitated a settlement with the Sisters of Divine Compassion (RDC) Board of Trustees leadership team, allowing the Bally's Foundation to purchase the school, and securing Preston's independence.

For nearly 80 years, Preston has stood as a beacon of academic excellence and empowerment for young women. This announcement guarantees that the Preston legacy will continue uninterrupted – for generations to come.

"This is more than just keeping a school open," said Principal Jennifer Connolly. "It's preserving a legacy. It's ensuring that young women in the Bronx will always have access to the quality, values-based education that Preston provides. We are overjoyed to share that Preston's doors will remain open, not just for next year, but for many years to come. We are grateful for the many efforts that have led us here, including the support of our faculty and staff, the unmatched dedication of our parents and students, and the advocacy of New York City Council Majority Leader Amanda Farias, Councilwoman Kristy Marmorato, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, and New York State Senator Nathalia Fernandez. We also especially thank Attorney General Letitia James and her office for their thorough analysis and swift intervention in support of Preston High School."

The announcement follows revitalized support from Preston Forever, organized by alumnae Andrea Donkor, Crystal Donkor, Jackeline Stewart-Hawkins, Vanessa Javier, and Stefanie Fedak Rodrigues. They galvanized a multi-channel movement and helped shine a national spotlight on Preston's story.

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Preston will continue to offer its rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, rooted in dignity, honor, respect, and compassion.

About Preston High School

Preston High School is an all-girls Catholic college preparatory school located in the Bronx, New York. Since its founding in 1947, it has served as a symbol of faith, scholarship, and service for young women across the Bronx and beyond. With today's announcement, its mission will continue – stronger, bolder, and enduring.

For more information about enrollment or to support Preston's mission, visit <u>www.prestonhs.org</u>. Visit <u>prestonforever.com</u> to learn more about the ongoing movement to preserve Preston's legacy.