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SENATOR FLANAGAN JOINS WITH THE MIDDLE COUNTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BRING THE ARTS TO CHILDREN

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Senator John Flanagan (2nd Senate District) recently joined with the Middle Country School District to welcome Inside Broadway's production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* to the Centereach High School. At the school, the traveling theatrical group put on two performances of the musical for all of the 3rd and 4th graders throughout the district.

Inside Broadway is a professional children's theatre company committed to producing Broadway's classic musicals for young audiences. Their goal is to pass down the rich legacy of America's musical theater to future generations so that the magic, music, and universal themes of the genre are not lost, but rediscovered and made relevant for today's youth.

Senator Flanagan secured state funding to offset the cost of bringing the program to the school to help bring the theater experience right to the students. For some of the children who attended the show, this was the first time they saw a live Broadway show.

After each performance, the show's stars participated in a question-and-answer session that gave the children the opportunity to find out more about the production and about theater in general.

"By bringing Broadway directly to these young students, this program helps open the world of the arts to them. That exposure may provide them with a greater appreciation of theater and could even inspire them to consider acting or directing for their future and that is why I think this program is so important," stated Senator Flanagan. "I thank the Middle Country School District for opening their school to this program and hope that all the children enjoyed the show."



*The cast of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (clockwise from top) Jaime Cepero as Snoopy, Michael Armstrong Barr as Linus, Sadrina Johnson as Lucy, Michael Lazar as Schroeder, Jennifer Mintzer as Sally and Larry Hamilton as Charlie Brown.*