Brentwood, NY – On Wednesday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – Huntington) joined 330 Brentwood 8th graders for a talk about the importance of community service. The 8th graders recently raised more than $2000 for the Red Cross Haiti earthquake relief efforts.

“I commend the students and teachers of Brentwood North Middle School for proving to us that we can make a difference. Their efforts raised awareness of the tragic earthquake in Haiti and raised funds to help with the relief efforts. They learned a valuable lesson about community service and delivered results,” said Rep. Israel.

On January 12, 2010, Haiti was devastated by a 7.0 earthquake. Following the disaster, the students and teachers at Brentwood North Middle School sold ribbons and created disaster assistance kits in support of the victims in Haiti. The students and teachers raised more than $2,000 and presented the check to the Suffolk County Red Cross.