

"By utilizing 'Too Good for Drugs,' we hope to reach kids while they are still young to teach them how to make responsible decisions. I believe this program will make a difference in years to come as the kids who participate utilize the skills and strategies they learn to stay away from opiates in the first place; this will be especially true if the curriculum were mandated and expanded to Pre-K-12."

-BP ODDO

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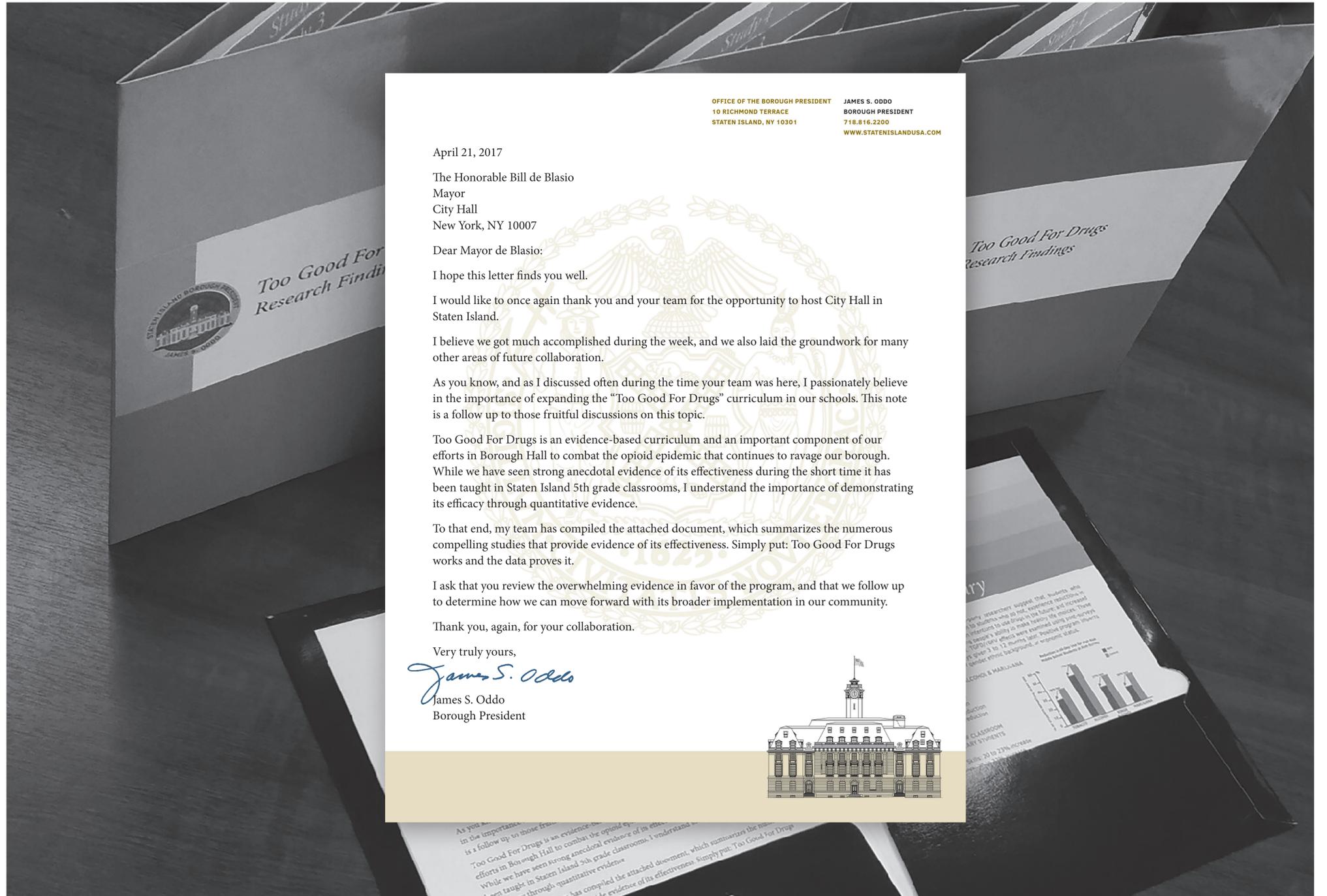
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It's well known that the borough is in the throes of an opioid epidemic. BP Oddo, through his Substance Abuse Task Force, has put a great deal of focus on educating young people to avoid trying these deadly drugs in the first place.

First piloted in 2015, the **Too Good for Drugs** curriculum, which is co-taught by teachers and NYPD officers, debuted in a handful of 5th grade classes across Staten Island. In successive years, BP Oddo and former NYPD Borough Commander Edward Delatorre aggressively sought to expand the program. As a result, the program has grown to include all 5th, 7th, and 9th graders in 60 schools, reaching more than 15,000 students. The curriculum teaches skills young people need to resist peer pressure, communicate better, and reach their goals - all with the objective of preventing substance abuse.



# Too Good For Drugs

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION