

# SIDC proposed for college

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ALBANY — Sen. John J. Marchi said he feels the Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC) in Willowbrook is the ideal spot for a unified campus of the College of Staten Island.

"It would take a little evaluation," he said. "The question is whether this would result in a protracted fight" over the loca-

tion, in which case he would give up the proposal, Marchi said.

He added that he hopes to hear from state officials about such a move in the next few weeks.

However, college officials said, and Marchi acknowledged, that a \$500,000 capital allocation, included in the state fiscal year budget approved last week, is about to be used for a consulting

engineer contract to evaluate the Ocean Breeze property long discussed for the campus.

Budget language demands that this detailed plan be submitted "on or before" Jan. 1.

College officials say the current "split campus," with facilities in Sunnyside and St. George, is inefficient and overcrowded.

The Ocean Breeze site, subject of a 1982 report by Edward

Durell Stone Associates, was planned many years ago to house a new campus for the former Richmond College, one of the two institutions that merged to form the current CSI.

Assembly members Elizabeth A. Connelly and Eric N. Vitaliano, both Island Democrats, had inserted in the budget item a special provision that the study "include future alternative

uses for the existing sites and include environmental and traffic control review."

Traffic could be a consideration if plans are further developed for the SIDC site. But Marchi said, "I'm not for keeping the whole Island fallow, just because there might be a traffic problem for someone."

SIDC is being phased out and there is speculation about what

may be done with the sprawling campus. In addition, \$100,000 for a consultant study of the real estate, proposed by Gov. Mario M. Cuomo in his executive budget unveiled in January, was deleted by lawmakers in the final version of the document.

Mrs. Connelly said the money was deleted so that community input would be assured in planning the future of the campus.