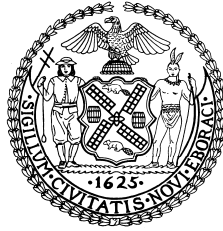


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**The City of New York  
Manhattan Community Board 8  
Youth & Education Committee Meeting  
NY Blood Center, 310 East 67 Street, Auditorium  
Monday March 11, 2013**

**Community Board Members (Present):**, Ed Hartzog, Hattie Quarnstrom, Judy Schneider, M. Barry Schneider

**Community Board Members (Excused):** Lori Bores, Deidre Breslin, Jim Clynes, George Fuchs, Lorraine Johnson, Sarah Chu, Debbie Teitelbaum,

**Community Board Public Members Present:** Michael Hoffman

**Community Board Public Members (Excused):** Sophia James

- 1. Introductions** were made by everyone present.
- 2. Presentation about Manhattan District Attorney's Youth Initiative by Estelle Strykers Santiago, Director of Reentry and Juvenile Justice, Manhattan DA office**
  - In an effort to reduce juvenile delinquency, the Manhattan DA's office offers sports programs on Friday and Saturday evenings to engage youth in pro-social activities in order to keep them from engaging in criminal activities.
  - The program partners with Pro Hoops Inc, a basketball training program which provides basketball training and camps to professional athletes.
  - Tutoring and other case management services are also offered to provide additional support to youth with a focus on middle school students.
  - There are sites all over Manhattan including Central Harlem, East Harlem and on the Lower East Side. All youth are able to participate regardless of where they live.
  - The DA's office hopes to grow the program and is looking for additional funding, The program is currently funded through asset forfeiture money.
- 3. Middle School Update and the use of Vacant Space at PS 158**
  - After many meetings with the Elected Officials, School Teams and residents, the DOE has decided to open a middle school at PS 158 in September 2014.
  - We wish to thank all the electeds who have worked so hard to accomplish this goal, as well as the parents.

#### 4. Follow-up with Council Member Garodnick on 2<sup>nd</sup> Teacher/Aid in the Classroom

- The council member is following up on this and hopefully will have something to report at our next meeting.

#### 5. Old/New Business

- **Pre-K**

Children born in 2009 who live in New York City are eligible for free pre-kindergarten (pre-k) programs at public elementary schools and community-based organizations (CBOs).

Public School Pre-K Programs

- Apply between March 4 - April 5, 2013
- Apply [online](#) or in-person at an [enrollment office](#) starting March 4
- Admissions is not first-come, first-served
- See CB8M.COM website

Community-Based Organization (CBO) Pre-K Programs

- Ongoing application process
- Contact CBOs directly to apply
- Admissions policies vary by CBO

2013-2014 Pre-Kindergarten Directory and Flyer

The Pre-Kindergarten Directory is [available online](#), at enrollment offices, and at public elementary schools with pre-kindergarten programs. The Directory will help families learn about the pre-k admissions process and available program options.

- **CEC Application Process Extended to March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Parents interested in applying to serve on a Citywide or Community Education Council can apply online or submit a paper application. Please inform as many parents as you can about this exciting opportunity to take part in supporting the schools in our community.

- Parents can apply online or download a paper application at [www.NYCParentLeaders.org](http://www.NYCParentLeaders.org) now until 11:59 pm on March 27
- Paper applications are available at the Division of Family and Community Engagement's Office located at: 49 Chambers Street #503, NY, NY 10007
- Paper applications must be **postmarked by 11:59 pm on March 27th**
- To hear the candidates speak come to PS 267 at 213 East 63rd Street on **Monday, April 8th** at 6:30 pm.
- Borough President also has appointments to the CEC.

#### 6. Future Meeting Dates:

- April 8<sup>th</sup>: Featuring PS 290 + Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> Teacher/Aid in classroom

Hattie Quarnstrom and Judith Schneider  
Co-Chairs, Youth and Education Committee