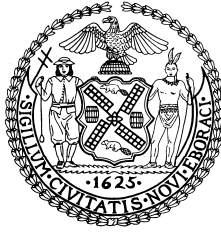


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**The City of New York  
Manhattan Community Board 8  
Youth & Education Committee Meeting  
NY Blood Center 310 East 67 Street, Conference Rooms 1 and 2  
Thursday, April 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

**Community Board Members (Present):** Sarah Chu, Ed Hartzog, Hattie Quarnstrom, Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider,  
**Community Board Members (Excused):** Lori Bores, Lorraine Johnson, Jim Clynes, Sophia James, Debbie Teitelbaum.  
**Community Board Public Members (Present):** Michael Hoffman

A. Introductions were made by everyone present.

B. Presentation by Principal Klainberg of P226 Middle School, District 75

- District 75 provides citywide education, vocational and behavioral support programs for students who are on the autism spectrum, have significant cognitive delays, are severely emotionally challenged, sensory impaired and or/multiple disabilities. District 75 consists of 56 school organizations, including P226M.
- P226M is a Special Education Cluster School comprised of 6 units and four off-sites located in community buildings and schools in Manhattan.
- P226M serves students from pre-k to high school throughout their different sites in the City, going up to age 21.
- The P226M middle school program located in CB8 is at JREC at 317 E. 67<sup>th</sup> street. There are 65 students in this program.
- The school aims to place children in the least restrictive setting based on their individual needs. Classes are ratio driven and students are not grouped by disability.
- P226M offers parent support including workshops and has a parent coordinator on staff as well as a family worker. The school hosts family Friday events in which parents are able to join their students in class.
- Students are referred to District 75 schools based on their needs after assessment. If a student needs District 75 middle school services they are placed at P226M based on geography and available seats.

C. Old/New Business

- Update on Second Teacher/Aide  
Council Member Garodnick has informed us that the Second Teacher/Aide arrangement with the schools will remain the same for the next school year starting September 2014.
- Update on new 177 Middle School located at PS 158 building  
The principal personally visited with all the schools in our district and met with the parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders to talk about the new school. Interviews with students took place the week of March 24<sup>th</sup> and announcements will come out in May. The next step is to interview and hire staff.

F. Future Meeting Dates

- Next Meeting Date is June 9: Talent Unlimited High School at the New York Blood Center

The meeting was adjourned.

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