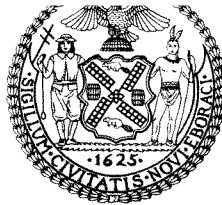


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 17, 2012

Hon. Daniel R. Garodnick
Council Member 4th District
211 East 43rd Street-Suite #1205
New York, NY 10017

Hon. Jessica Lappin
Council Member 5th District
330 East 63rd Street-Suite #1K
New York, NY 10065

RE: Loss of our Beacon Program at PS 198 run by Stanley Isaacs and Child Care Programs in FY 2013 Budget

Dear Council Members Garodnick and Lappin:

At its Full Board meeting Wednesday, May 16, 2012 Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS Community Board 8 believes in the value of community based services for Child Care and Youth Programs, and

WHEREAS the Stanley Isaacs Center opened its Beacon program at PS 198, in 1998, and its program provides:

- After school for 160 elementary and 175 middle school age children, Monday to Friday from 3 to 6 pm;
- Tutoring, mentoring, sports and recreation Monday to Friday from 6 to 9 pm and keeps 264 teens engaged in constructive activities;
- College preparation workshops, Saturday preparation, college exposure, help with financial aid applications and college applications for 245 low income young people who aspire and apply for college;
- Adult and family recreation for 500 participants and creates a place for important family time activities, and

WHEREAS at the end of March, more than 1,400 people have turned to the Isaacs Beacon Program as an important community resource, and it is expected to serve almost double the 950 participants required under their contract, and

WHEREAS both the needs of the school population and the program utilization rates should drive funding decisions and **not the zip codes**, and

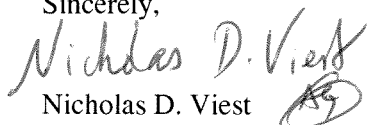
WHEREAS the Mayor's preliminary budget for FY 2013 is proposing to cut seven Beacon and Child Care Programs serving more than 47,000 children, and


WHEREAS these cuts will result in 90,000 fewer children having access to these programs than in 2009 (a 61% decrease),

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8M strongly urges the City Council to restore the funding for Beacon and Child Care Programs in this FY 2013 budget.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,


Nicholas D. Viest
Chair


James Clynes and Judith Schneider
Co-Chair, Youth and Education Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Christine Quinn, Speaker, New York City Council
Hon. Robert Jackson, Chair, Education Committee, New York City Council
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Kristen Ellis, Director of Comm. Affairs & Constituent Services, Manhattan Borough
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