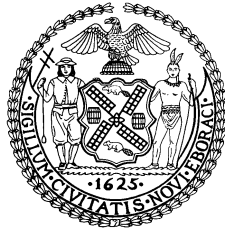


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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8
Youth & Education and Roosevelt Island Joint Committee Meeting
PS/IS 217, 645 Main Street, Roosevelt Island
Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

Community Board Members (Present): Debbie Teitelbaum, Jeffrey Escobar, Larry Parnes

- A. Daniel Hildreth, Director of Gifted and Talented Admissions in the Office of Student Enrollment for the DOE spoke about the process of entering a NYC gifted and talent program.
- The process begins with a request for testing somewhere between October and November.
 - The student would be in pre-K, first or second grades, in order to place into a K-3 classroom.
 - Testing starts in January/February. The parents then receive a scored report. If eligible, the student would receive an application.
 - Scores of 97+ would make the child eligible for a self-contained, citywide G&T program. Such schools are Nest+M, Anderson and the Brooklyn School of Inquiry.
 - A score of 90+ would make the child eligible for District schools such as Lower Lab.
 - If you live in the district, you get priority.
 - If placed in G&T, you do not need to retest the following year.
 - For PS 217, priority is given to District 2 and District 30 equally.
 - Sibling priority is given above non eligible siblings.
 - In PS 217, two G&T classrooms have been changed to just one class. 97% is the cut off for this school.
 - Approximately 10,000 students apply for G&T programs. Approximately 4500 offers are made and less accept.
 - During testing, Pre-K students are tested one on one. Kindergarten students are tested in groups of five students at once.
- B. Principal Beckman explained that the program began six years ago. The DOE pays schools per student, not per class, so it made more sense financially to have one full classroom, rather than two separate classrooms with additional teachers and resources. They need full classes that continue to move up. The school philosophy is about educating the whole school. The content is the same in the general education classes and G&T classes. There are literary assessments for reading levels, with small group instruction for all students.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa and Debbie Teitelbaum, Co-Chairs, Youth and Education Committee
Jeffrey Escobar and Larry Parnes, Co-Chairs, Roosevelt Island Committee