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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8**

YOUTH, EDUCATION, AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 24, 2018 – 6:30PM
Nightingale Bamford School – Room 605
20 East 92nd Street (Fifth and Madison)

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Debbie Teitelbaum, Ed Hartzog, Peter Patch, Cece King, Michael Hoffman and Jordana Judd (Public Members)

A panel of college-bound 12th graders from Dalton, Eleanor Roosevelt, LaGuardia High School of Music, Art and Performing Arts, and Bronx Science explained their college application process.

- Students introduced themselves and stated that they will be attending Harvard, Northwestern, University of Michigan, Columbia, Bates and Duke.
- Student explained the differences in how to apply: Regular decision, early action, early decision
- Regular decision applications are due generally by January 1 and you hear a decision in April.
- Early Action is when you apply by an earlier date, maybe mid-October or November 1 and you hear back in mid-December. The decision is not binding. You can be accepted, rejected or deferred. If deferred, you are put into the regular pool of applicants.
- Early Decision is when you apply by an earlier date and it is a binding contract. If you are accepted, you will attend. Many students do not apply this way due to the financial commitment. Financial aid packages are still unknown at this point although the school's financial calculator estimate is a good indicator of the financial aid package the applicant will receive.
- Early Decision II has a slightly later deadline (around December 15) and is for kids who either didn't submit applications by the ED I deadline, or did not get in to their first choice ED school and want to now apply to this other school. This application is also binding.
- Early Action Single Choice is only for a select amount of schools. It is not binding, but you hear back early, sometime in December. You can only apply to one school for EA Single Choice, but can also apply to any public state school. You cannot apply EA to private schools at this time.
- By December, many students have heard back from at least one school.
- The students on this panel applied to approximately 3-12 schools. You should assume that all schools are "reach" schools. Applying to more than 12 schools is overwhelming and your supplemental essays may suffer.
- Two of the students on the panel who were initially deferred from their schools, got in later in March and April and will be attending.
- Some students included art portfolios with their applications.
- Students felt that visiting schools and touring in advance is helpful if you can do it. It can be helpful to show interest in the school-However, don't assume that you can know exactly what you want in a school at this point.
- All students took the SAT or ACT as well as SAT subject tests. Which standardized test to choose to take is a personal choice depending on whether time is an issue or more of a science component is something that the student is comfortable with.
- Parents asked about extracurricular activities. Students on panel were theater students, artists, published writers, and athletes. They all stated this in their applications.
- Parents asked about gap years. One student is contemplating a gap year. A gap year is when the student begins their college a year later, after working or traveling. Most colleges approve and some possibly give credit for it.

Kim Moscaritolo, Democratic District Leader, discussed how high school students can be paid to work as NYC Poll Workers through the board of elections.

NYC high school students, who are US citizens, 17-years old and have a GPA of at least 2.5 are eligible to apply to be a poll worker. Attend a mandatory 4-hour training class during July and August. Student will be paid \$100 for attending the class and passing the exam and working one election event. On Election Day, if working the full day, student will be paid \$200. Students can earn up to \$500 to work two elections and take the training class. Hours worked may count toward community service. Applications were due in late May. The deadline was extended.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by,

Peter Patch and Debbie Teitelbaum, Co-Chairs