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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee
September 25, 2025 - 6:30 PM
Conducted Remotely via Zoom**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Miles Fink, Addeson Lehv, Elizabeth Rose

Board Members Excused: Taína Borrero

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 12

1. Back-to-School Updates for District 2 - with New York City Department of Education Deputy Superintendents Dr. Reggie Higgins and Kelly Shannon.

The District 2 Deputy Superintendents provided members of the community with back-to-school updates and provided information about community events taking place this school year.

- a. Co-Chair Addeson Lehv opened the discussion to members of the community.
- b. CB8 Board members and members of the community asked the Deputy Superintendents questions about a variety of issues, including the use of AI in schools, concerns regarding school capacity issues, in particular for families zoned to PS 267, and the new no-phone policy in schools.

2. Presentation from Working in Support of Education (W!se) - with Josiah Williams, Senior Program Manager.

Josiah Williams provided members of the community with information about W!se, a non-profit organization that promotes civic engagement through programs focused on financial literacy, career readiness, and community service to high school students.

3. Old Business – There were no Old Business items

4. New Business – There were no New Business items

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:32pm.

Taína Borrero and Addeson Lehv, Co-Chairs