



# C.E.C. Meeting

*August 29, 2023*

**Rafael T. Alvarez , Superintendent**  
**Nicole Lanzillo, Deputy Superintendent**  
**Deirdre Keyes-Caillibotte, Executive**  
**Director SSO**

# Agenda

- Summer Rising Highlights
- District Updates
- News from Equity and Diversity Coordinator
- News from Supervisor of Social Workers
- D15 Team
- Dates and Events
- Q&A

# Celebrating and Honoring



ROSH HASHANAH



REMEMBERING

9/11



Yom Kippur

# Moment of Acknowledgement

Student at PS 130



# Summer Rising Stats

- Number of sites: 7
- D15 total Summer Rising Number - 2,463 students
- District 15 partnered with CBOs including Learning through an Expanded Arts Program (LEAP), NIA Community Service Network, Roads to Success, New York Edge, University Settlement, Community Counseling and Mediation, Center for Family Life, Peace from A-Z (PAZ), and more.



# Thank you to our Principals and AP's in Charge of Summer Rising!

## Principal's in Charge

Denise Watson

Michael Perlberg

Cristina Gonzalez

Diane Castelucci

Liz Garraway

Danny Vecchiano

Amanda Bueno

## Summer Rising APs

Stephen Cedermark

Myrna Gonzalez

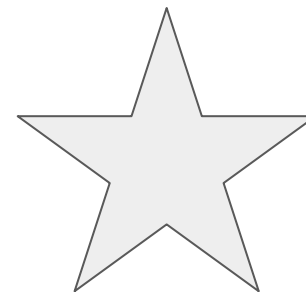
Rose Rodriguez

Nicole Perry

Jackie Stern

Brian Weit

Humberto Perdomo



# Summer Rising Shoutouts and Highlights



P.S. 130  
Superhero/  
Character  
Day



M.S. 88 CBO's Day of  
Student Celebrations





## Summer Learning and Exploring at P.S. 94



El Museo del Barrio visit during Summer Rising ~ M.S. 136/821







# P.S. 32 Summer Site FUN!



# Welcome New D15 Leadership

**Barrett Braithwaite**, former AP of PS10 is the new Principal of K280.



**Myrna Gonzalez**, former AP at MS 88 has transitioned to the role of I.A. Principal.



# District 15 Team



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# Mayoral Town Hall Recap - July 24, 2023

## Structure

- Roundtable format with Mayor's Office staff, School staff, Community Affairs Staff and constituencies in the Sunset Park Neighborhood
- Each table comes up with one question to ask the mayor directly
- The mayor or a member of his team tries to address the issue or concern

## Topic Raised

- Red Hook discussed air quality due to ships as well as construction impacting due to hot weather
- Sunset Park providing public time instead of organizations using the soccer field all the time
- Housing questions to support families with disabilities
- Support in cleaning up unauthorized vendors in the streets
- Asylum Seekers vs. Support for Average New Yorkers
- HUD Housing policies and changes to access



\*Upcoming D15 Mayoral Town Hall

Tentative Date & Location: October 11th @ MS88

# Potential City-Wide Bus Strike

- The potential strike could affect approximately 4,400 routes across all five boroughs, potentially impacting 80,000 students, of which 25,000 are special education students.
- The city's top priority remains ensuring that every student, especially our most vulnerable, can continue attending their schools without interruption.
- **All impacted families will be eligible to receive Emergency MetroCards** – a total of four trips and transfers daily from Monday through Friday between 5:30 AM to 8:00 PM.
- **Some impacted families will be eligible for additional services, including:**
  - Reimbursement for Alternative Transportation – The NYC DOE is establishing a reimbursement system for families who must resort to taxis, rideshares, or personal vehicles due to the strike. A reimbursement rate of 58 cents per mile has been set, with a maximum reimbursement of \$200 (\$100 each way) per day.
  - Rideshare for Affected Students and Families
- [Exemption Form](#)
- Transportation Liaisons in each school
- Communication to Families

# New D15 School Buildings

## Expected to open for the 2024-2025 school year

- K654 (“80 Flatbush”) located at State Street
- K347 (“St. Francis Xavier”) located at 763 President Street

## Expected to open for the 2026-2027 school year

- K004 (I.S. 964) located at 4002 Fort Hamilton Parkway will be at the old 516 starting with 6th grade on the 2024-2025 school year.
- K680 (Red Hook Neighborhood School) located at 35 Delavan Street

# Where are we headed?

- **Building Capacity of Leaders**
  - Data Wise-developing habits of mind that allow leaders to use collaborative data inquiry for more equitable schools
  - Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
    - ▶ To support marginalized students across our schools
      - Small Group Instruction, Targeted Support, Station Teaching etc.
- **Phase II Curriculum**
  - Training, Planning and Preparation
  - Implementation for 2024-25
- **Literacy Plan**- phonemic awareness, phonics, district curriculum that includes vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension
- **Project Based Learning / School Wide Enrichment**- rigorous, culturally responsive teaching and learning
- **Attendance**- specifically STH
- **SEL**- Continuous support to develop students' social-emotional skills
- **Professional Learning**- for all stakeholders



# News from our Equity / Diversity Coordinator & Supervisor of Social Workers



# Diversity 2023-2024 Initiatives

- Save for College
- Youth Equity Congress
- Adult Equity Congress
- Career Fairs
- Professional Development/Relationship Building
- My Brother's Keepers Grant to promote College and Career Readiness

# Collaborating Partners

## Bridging Cultures Group Inc.

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training
- Company Professional Development
- Community Engagement
- Leadership Training and Coaching
- Professional Development
- Courageous Conversations on Race and Cultures
- Translation Services
- Social and Policy Advocacy and More!

# Collaborating Partners

## Keys To Abundant Life Inc-



### College Tours

Our college- and career week-long programs are designed to expose students to the college arena, in which they can explore and plan their college and career choices.



### More Classes Offered

- Cosmetology- Make up & Nails
- Yoga
- Art
- Photography
- Tutoring
- DJ-ing

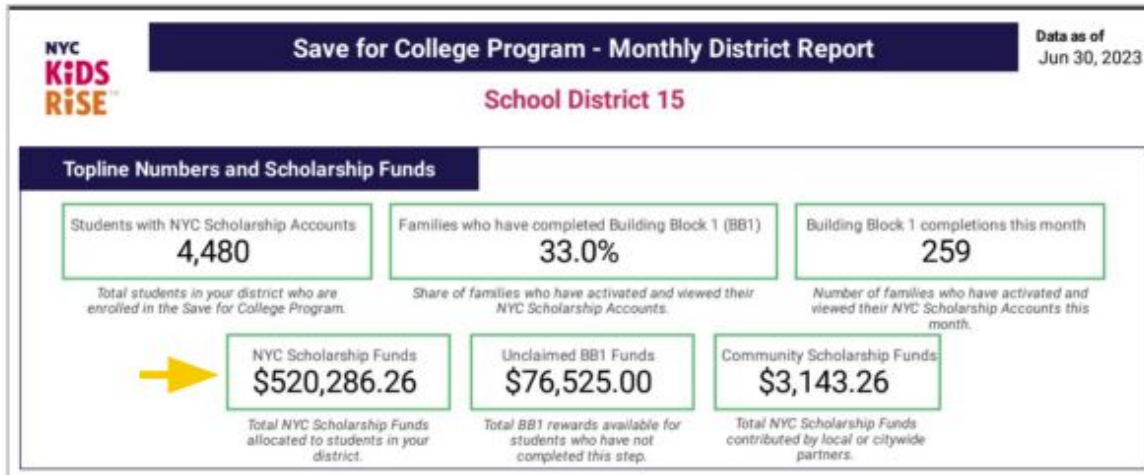


# District 15 Reduction in Suspensions

- Focus this year will be looking at reducing data trends (repeat “offenders”)
- Creating protocols to enhance student teacher relationships
- Initiatives that provides students with additional support when re-engaging their school communities.
- Action Planning - implementation of preventative protocols to reduce student infractions
- Research shows that aggressive discipline has a more negative impact on student learning, attendance, and future behavior; building restorative practices across schools.

# Save for College

# District 15 Save for College Program Report



## Collective Goal

**50%**

By the end of school year

**80%**

By the end of 5th Grade

# Vision: All 1.1 million NYC public school students have a financial asset for college and career training, starting in kindergarten, regardless of immigration status or income.

Through this public-private-community partnership, families, schools, local organizations and businesses, anchor institutions, financial institutions, philanthropy, and the public sector work together to:

- Build financial assets in every student's account; and
- Support expectations of educational and economic success across every home, school, and neighborhood.

This universal, community driven wealth-building platform enables New Yorkers to come together in new ways to:

- Increase students' access to and graduation from college and career training;
- Reduce the amount of debt that students and their families take on; and
- Position students to earn higher incomes and build more wealth later in life, within neighborhoods of greater opportunity.

# Mental Health in the year ahead...

We were awarded the **Mitigating Trauma Grant...**

The district will be utilizing the SHAPE tool to assess mental health resources/needs throughout our schools.

Trainings included:

- Olweus Bullying Prevention
- Trauma Illness Grief

District monthly trainings for school counselors will include KeyNote speakers:

- PESI
- The Play Therapy Association
- History UnErased
- American School Counseling Association (ASCA)

\* Check with your local schools resources on established mental health partnerships such as Good Shepherd's Services, NYU, Counseling in Schools, etc.



# Dates and Events

## Important Dates

Date	Weekday	Event
September 7	Thursday	First day of school
September 14	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for elementary schools and Pre-K Centers
September 21	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for middle schools and D75 schools
September 25	Monday	Yom Kippur, schools closed
September 28	Thursday	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences for high schools, K-12, and 6-12 schools

# District 15 Events - Tentative Dates

- **District 15 Arts Showcase** - December 11, 2023
- **Day of Service** - January 12, 2024
  - MLK, Social Action and Student Voice
- **Project Based Learning Showcase** - March 13, 2024
- **STEM Exploration Day** - May 18, 2024
  - Grades 5, 8, and 11 - Schools Nominate Students (day in the field on Governors Island)
- **District 15 Recognition Ceremony** - June 5, 2024
  - School Aides, Community Coordinators/Associates, Secretaries, Paras, School Nurses, School Based Support Teams (SBST)
- **Parent Symposium/Learning Together** - June 8th, 2024
- **NYC Urban Debate League** - Elementary Schools: January 19 & May 2  
Middle Schools: December 20 & April 18

