



# C.E.C. Meeting

*November 19 , 2024*

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

# Agenda

- Celebrations
- Curriculum Rollout Highlights
  - PS 261 W&W
  - PS 1 H&H
  - MS/HS 497 IM/Algebra 1
- Academic Screener Updates
- Upcoming Events

# In Memory

Condolences to the families of **Clifford Bowen**, beloved teacher and friend to all at PS10 and pillar of the community **Annette Henrickson** Parent Coordinator of PS172.

Your light and legacy will continue to shine through the communities you have impacted.



# Celebrating and Honoring in November

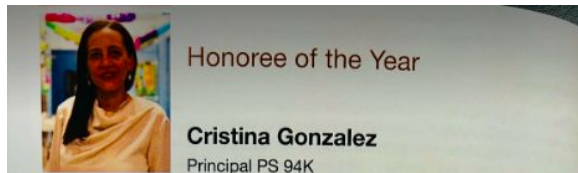


# Celebrating and Honoring in December





# Honoring Principal Cristina Gonzalez, PS94



Leader, Educator, Advocate, Wife, Mother, Daughter Latina, Woman of Color, all of these are labels that can be used to describe Cristina Gonzalez; but none of them encompass the multitude of roles, and accomplishments that make her an exemplary role model and inspiration to all in our Sunset Park community. Born in 1972 in Caracas, Venezuela, as Cristina Mendoza-Fung, she is the second of three daughters to a severely independent, half Chinese, half Venezuelan mother who gifted her daughters with love, compassion, community service and self-reliance.

While a high school senior, Cristina was recognized as one of the top 100 scholars in Venezuela. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Economics in Caracas, she received a full-tuition scholarship to the internationally recognized University of Chicago to study Public Policy in 1999. Upon graduation she moved to New York City where she obtained her second masters, this time from the Bank Street College of Education. Cristina began her career in education as an Early Childhood Education teacher at PS 94 in Sunset Park Brooklyn in 2007.

In 2018 Cristina became the principal of her beloved PS 94. As principal, she has cultivated a school community of culturally and linguistically responsive classrooms to ensure that her students develop into a generation of advocates and citizens who are proud of their cultural heritage, embrace multilingualism, multiliteracies and multiculturalism. The most extraordinary endeavors Ms. Gonzalez and her team have embarked upon occurred over the last four years. When many principals and leaders were treading water throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Cristina, in collaboration with her staff and key partners like Chinese Planning Council and NYU-Together Growing Strong; established a food pantry, a clothing boutique and laundry facilities within her school building. These initiatives, and a myriad of others, are aimed to disrupt the systemic inequities already faced by the Sunset Park community, which had been substantially exacerbated by the pandemic which disproportionately affected her students and their families. In addition to the existing medical clinic at PS 94, there is now a dental office so that students no longer need to miss a day of school in order to maintain physical health. She has established partnerships with NYU Langone, Sunset Park CAB (Community Advisory Board), Together Growing Strong, ParentCorps, Chinese Planning Council, and Center for Family life. She is also a founding and active member of the Sunset Park Food Coalition Committee, and the Sunset Park Tech Advocacy group.





# M.S. 136 Celebrates Principal Gonzalez-Rojas



*In celebration of National Principals Month, we honor Principal Myrna Gonzalez-Rojas, a beacon of inspiration and leadership at Charles O. Dewey Middle School. With a deep commitment to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment, she empowers both students and staff to reach their fullest potential. She always says that as a community "Together We Are Stronger" and greets her staff and students every morning with the following phrase "Have an amazing day of teaching and learning." Principal Gonzalez's attention to detail and innovative approach to education, combined with her unwavering support for extracurricular programs, is transforming the school into a vibrant community of learning and growth. Her open-door policy and genuine care for each student's well-being makes her not just a principal, but a trusted mentor and advocate. This October, we recognize Principal Myrna Gonzalez- Rojas for her dedication, passion, and the positive impact she has on countless lives every day.*

*Sincerely,*

*Your M.S. 136 Charles O. Dewey Family*

# PS154 November celebration that includes Diwali, Dia los Muertos, Movie night, Book Character Day and Native American Heritage





# Congratulations to the Newly Appointed Principals!



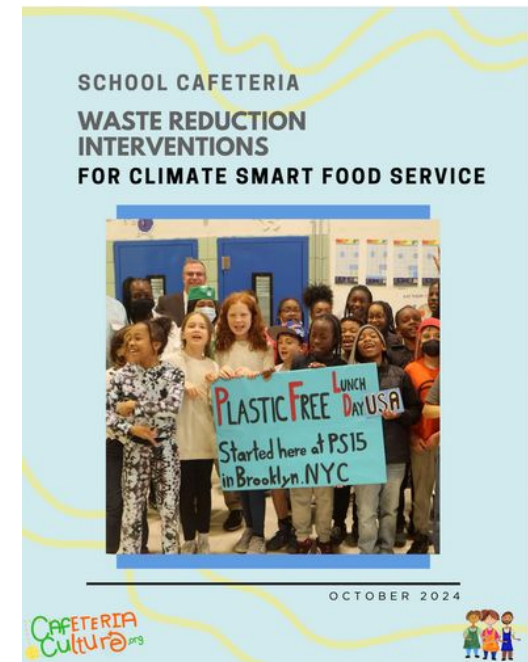
Katheryn Fitzgerald  
Principal  
PS 154



Malika Johnson-Willis  
Principal  
PS 456

# School Cafeteria Waste Reduction Interventions at PS 15

- From Jan 2022-Dec 2023, PS 15 implemented innovative interventions, guided by waste audits and students campaigns.
- This project centered on student leadership and voice.
- Created a scalable model for for real-world solutions for other schools.



# Superintendent Spotlight

## Brooklyn Nets in D15 Schools

### M.S. 88





# Halloween Celebrations in D15



**P.S. 131 & M.S. 88**



# P.S. 230 Students Present at the annual NYSTESOL conference in Rochester

## The Power of Writing Publishing Celebrations

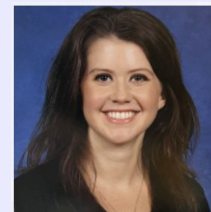


**Adriana DiScipio and Dr. Natalie Madison Dronne**  
NYSTESOL 54th Annual Conference  
Friday November 15, 2024



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Dual Language Coordinator, MTSS Reading Specialist

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**In the Middle School Athletic League (MSAL), the MS442 Soccer team has been crowned the Brooklyn Champs!**

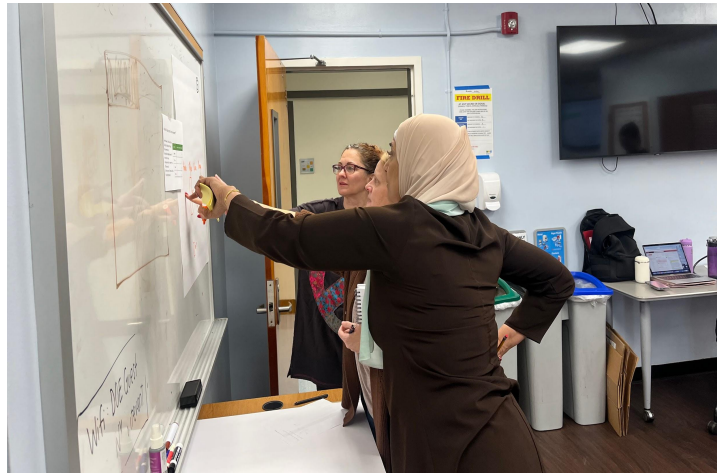




# Families Learn Together and raise money for Hurricane Relief at P.S. 39



# District Curriculum Rollout Highlights



**Math Leads digging into the Shifts during a recent PL**

# W&W PS 261, HMMH PS1, IM/Algebra 1 MS/HS 497



# Academic Screener Updates

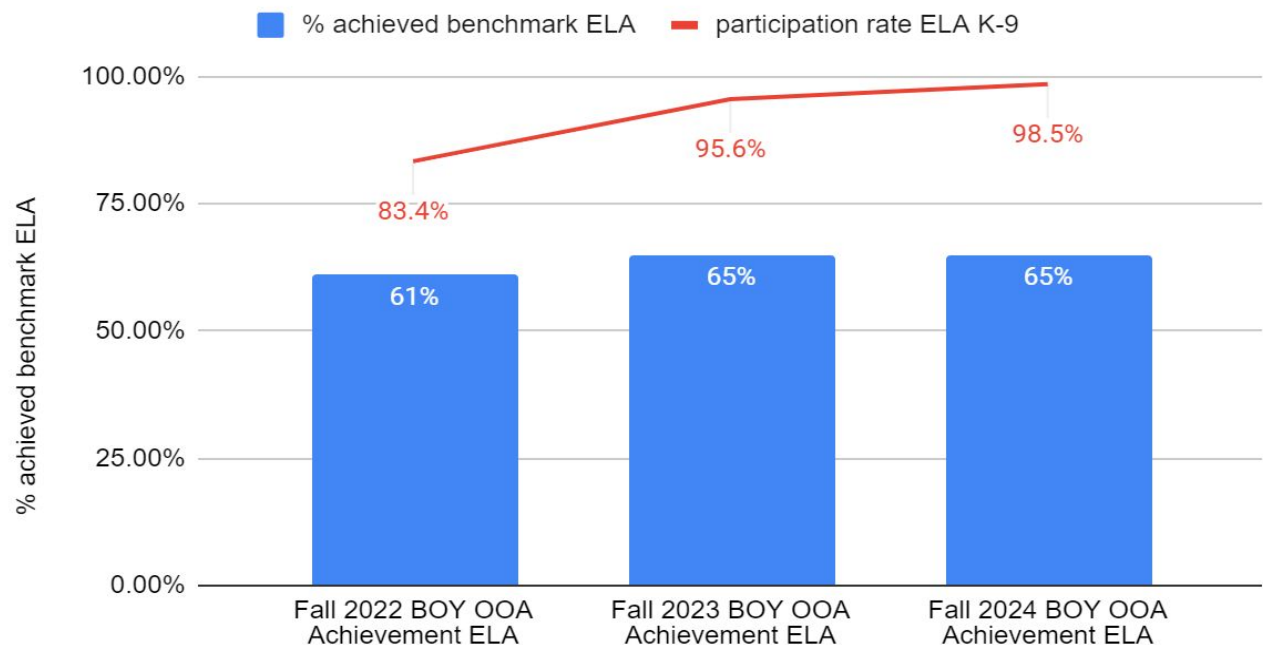
# Academic Screeners

## Preliminary Findings

- 1st grade shows lowest achievement in both reading and math
- Black students grew 2% Math
- Hispanic students grew 3% Math
- Focus on 16th percentile in reading & ENL Students.

# 3 year review of BOY data - ELA

ELA % achieved benchmark & participation rate K-9

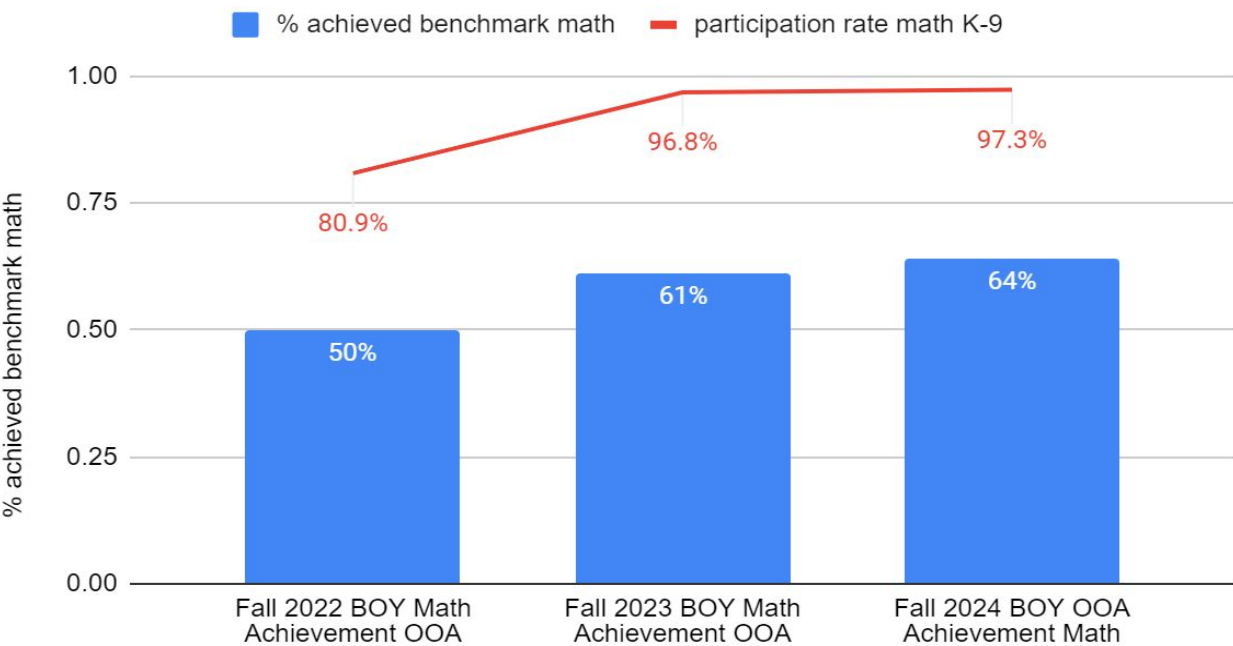


2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
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# 3 year review of BOY data - Math

Math % achieved benchmark & % achieved benchmark



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# Action Steps to Address ELA Screener Data

SMART Goal	Actions being taken	Current Next Steps
By EOY 2024-25 screener administration, we will increase the percentage of <b>all ENL students</b> on or above grade level by 3% from 22% to 25%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engaging in data-driven meetings with external partners (Teaching Matters and NYU Geodes Coaching for Grade 1) to share coaching and walkthrough findings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaborate with coaches, Teaching Matters and NYU to target support in grade 1               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Align curricular materials and resources to be responsive to screener data trends</li> <li>- District instructional team members to attend during in-school coaching visits to provide on-site support and ensure alignment with district goals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
By EOY 2024-25 screener administration, we will increase the percentage of <b>all students with IEPs</b> on or above grade level by 3% from 40% to 43%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying areas of needs for additional support in grade 1 classroom               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teaching Matters coaches</li> <li>- NYU Geodes Coaching, launched cohort 1 beginning November 2024</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Launching Geodes, grade 1 in-school coaching</li> </ul>
By EOY 2024-25 screener administration, we will increase the percentage of <b>all black students</b> at or above average growth on screener benchmarks by 3% from 38 % to 41%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- District literacy leads engaging in screener data analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review screener analysis with district literacy leads to ensure continuity of support for curriculum implementation</li> </ul>



# Action Steps to Address SWD and ELLs Math Screener Data

DCEP Priority 3	Actions Being Taken	Current Next Steps
<p>By June 2025, Level 1 scores on the Math State for <b>IEP students</b> will decrease 3% from 33.3% to 30.3%</p>	<p>D15 Math Leads: Focus on Strategically supporting students in the bottom 21st percentile, creating school action plans.</p> <p>D15 Math Leads Series: Specific focus on ELLs</p>	<p>Supporting Math Leads with action plans and progress monitoring.</p> <p>Supporting Teachers with implementing the Math Shifts K-12 through PL and Coaching</p>
<p>By June 2025, Level 1 scores on the Math State for <b>ELLs students</b> will decrease 3% from 37.7% to 34.7%</p>	<p>Job-Embedded Support through Bank Street and Metamorphosis partnerships to build sustainable, school-based structures that support teachers working together to implement a shared curriculum with embedded supports for students with disabilities and ELLs.</p> <p>MS Curriculum Rollout Professional Learning series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis on discourse to develop understanding.</li> <li>• Specific attention to SWDs and ELLs</li> <li>• Supporting schools with procuring Spanish-language materials.</li> </ul>	<p>Collaboration with District SWD team to share best practices.</p>

# Upcoming Events



# Let's Work Together!

Borough Listening Tour with  
Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos



Calling all students,  
families, educators, and  
community members.

We want to hear your ideas on  
how to make NYC Public Schools  
even better for YOU.

Share your thoughts and concerns  
about education in your  
borough—whether it's about  
school safety, access to resources,  
or support for our dedicated staff.  
Here's your chance to tell us what  
you think.

**RSVP NOW**



[on.nyc.gov/ChancellorListeningTour](https://on.nyc.gov/ChancellorListeningTour)

Register for one of the dates and locations below:

Date/Time	Location
11/19/24 6:00-8:00pm	<b>Manhattan</b> High School of Graphic Communication Arts 439 W 49th St, New York, NY 10019
11/26/24 6:00-8:00pm	<b>Brooklyn</b> Thomas Jefferson High School 400 Granville Payne Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207
12/3/24 6:00-8:00pm	<b>Queens</b> Academy of American Studies High School 40-11 28 Street, Queens, NY 11101
12/10/24 6:00-8:00pm	<b>Bronx</b> P.S. 306 40 W Tremont Ave, Bronx, NY 10453
12/17/24 6:00-8:00pm	<b>Staten Island</b> Curtis High School 105 Hamilton Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301



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**Brooklyn:  
Tuesday  
November 26, 2024**

**District 15**





## D15 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

- Referral and Evaluation: The student is evaluated to determine if they need special education services.
- IEP Creation: If eligible, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed with input from parents and staff.
- Service Implementation: The student receives services based on their IEP, such as special education support or therapies.
- Monitoring and Review: Progress is regularly checked, and the IEP is reviewed annually to ensure continued support.

Presented by: Allen Bibergal, D15 Administrator of Special Education



**Tuesday**  
**12/10/24**  
**10am-11am**



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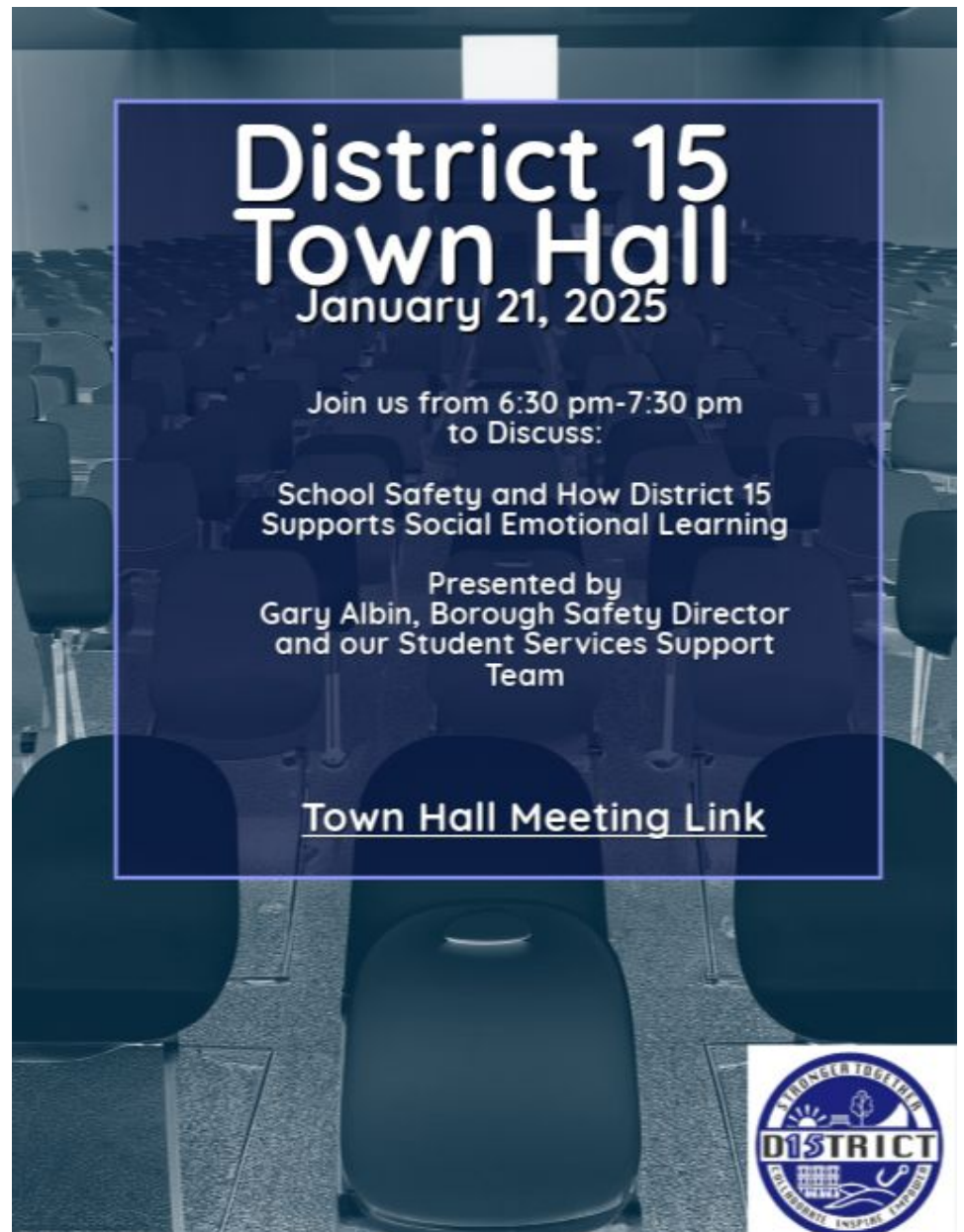
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**Tuesday**  
**January 21, 2024**

A poster for a District 15 Town Hall meeting. The background is a photograph of rows of empty blue chairs in a large hall. Overlaid on this is a dark blue rectangular box with white text. The text includes the title 'District 15 Town Hall', the date 'January 21, 2025', the time 'Join us from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm to Discuss:', the topics 'School Safety and How District 15 Supports Social Emotional Learning', the presenter 'Presented by Gary Albin, Borough Safety Director and our Student Services Support Team', and a link 'Town Hall Meeting Link'. In the bottom right corner of the poster is the District 15 logo, which is a circular seal with the text 'STRONGER TOGETHER' at the top, 'DISTRICT 15' in the center, and 'CHALLENGE INSPIRE EMPOWER' at the bottom.


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Town Hall**  
January 21, 2025

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Presented by  
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Town Hall Meeting Link



**Thursday**  
**January 16, 2024**



# **DISTRICT 15**

## **DAY OF SERVICE**

### **IN COLLABORATION WITH CITY HARVEST**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2025**  
**150 52ND STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11232**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS- 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM**



# **Volunteer**

**Our volunteers are  
critical to our work year-  
round.**

STUDENTS 10 YEARS OR OLDER MAY PARTICIPATE WITH A SIGNED YOUTH WAIVER.  
PLEASE CONTACT NEAL L. SINGH, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES AND SPECIAL  
INITIATIVES, AT [NSINGH10@SCHOOLS.NYC.GOV](mailto:NSINGH10@SCHOOLS.NYC.GOV) WITH QUESTIONS.

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Services and Operations

Thursday  
February  
13, 2025



# DISTRICT 15 ARTS SHOWCASE

VISUAL AND FINE ARTS - DANCE - DRAMA -  
INSTRUMENTAL - MUSICAL THEATRE - VOCAL



THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 13TH 2025

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Hosted by:**

Brooklyn High School of the Arts

345 Dean Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217



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