

**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2005**

**PRESENT**

Debbie Bowden  
Bert Feinberg  
I. Wm. Stone  
Philip Friedman  
Julie Reyes  
Aaron Ben-Merre  
Robert Press  
Ray Norberto  
Glen Encababian  
Efrain Gonzalez III  
Sylvia Alexander

**AFFILIATION**

CB#8, Committee Chair  
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Previous Meeting's Minutes were accepted as read.

Chairperson's Report included:

- letters and phone calls to Chancellor;
- tougher new Regents plans;
- end to "social promotion" in 7<sup>th</sup> grade;
- fewer NYC schools deemed "in need of improvement";
- recommendations of State Arbitrators of the Public Employment Relations Board (re: Teachers' contract);
- suit against D.O.E. re: children denied a quick transfer out of failing schools;
- students recommended for Special Education referrals up 33% this year;
- September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to apply for free tutoring under "No child left behind";
- NYC's 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math scores up nearly 4 points, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math scores dropped; local school scores distributed.

Committee suggestions for future education committee meetings:

School Security (metal detectors, etc.), Honor's classes (Gifted and Talented), Application process for High Schools, "fun math school", address problems at J.F.K. High School, Parent Coordinators, after school programs.

Resolution passed to reaffirm approval of EMS station at West 230<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. (see attached).

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bowden  
Chairperson

