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BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY SERVICE FORUM

Bronx, New York, May 17, 2013 – The Education Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8, chaired by Sylvia Alexander, will hold their first Committee Service Forum on May 28, 2013 at the Kingsbridge Library located at 291 West 231st Street from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Community Service Forum will highlight students from neighborhood schools involved in community service throughout the district. Students will present, discuss and display community service projects. Discussions will include the impact of community service on schools and students; how the programs enriched the community and how community service can be used as an educational tool. Schools participating include Salanter Akiba Riverdale High School, Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy MS/HS 141, MS 368 In-Tech Academy, Riverdale Country School, St. John's School, with other participants possible.

The Forum began with the Education Committee circulating a survey to determine those schools in Bronx Community Board No. 8 schools which had community service programs, what grades participate, how many students, at what sites they do their service, do they receive credit for the project and are there community service graduation requirements. The committee was pleased to discover that there are many district schools with community service components and were eager to inform the community and other schools of their accomplishments. This forum will be of special interest to educators and parents whose schools do not yet have a community service component in their curriculum or hope to widen participation in community projects.

The focus of the forum is on students, who will be presenting their projects in their own words and their special learning experience in real world settings. The impact these programs have on students “to give back to the community” is an especially helpful educational tool and this experience will remain with the students as they go out into the world.

You can also visit the Bronx Community Board No. 8 website that announces the Community Service Forum at <http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8>.

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