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Queens Community Board 11

Serving the Communities of Auburndale, Bayside, Douglaston, Hollis Hills
Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Jerry Iannece Chairperson / **Susan Seinfeld** District Manager

To: Board Members
From: Laura James, Committee Chair
Re: CB 11 Education Committee Report
Date: May 31, 2012

The Community Board 11 Education Committee held a meeting on May 30, 2012. In attendance at the meeting were: Laura James, Chair, Ted Teng, Roy Giusetti, George Karahalis, Incha Kim, Mel Meer and Robert Liatto. Community member David Solano, was also present. The Committee met to discuss several issues brought up at the previous meeting in April.

School Performance

Dave Solano reported that In District 26, Bayside, Cardozo, Francis Lewis and Van Buren High Schools have all been designated "in need of improvement" due to changes in the definition for success. As this may have long term consequences for the district, the committee will prepare a resolution for vote at a future Board meeting.

Bayside High School

In past years, Bayside High School has received a high number of students from outside the district. Dave Solano informed the committee that in the recent round of allocations, 29 students, out of approximately 1700 applicants, were assigned to Bayside. All 29 are from within our zone. We will continue to monitor this situation.

Specialized High School Seats

In comparison to the other four boroughs, Queens is underserved in the number of seats for "specialized" high schools. These are the highly selective schools in the city for which admission is exclusively by examination. As a result, a significant number of our high school students, who qualify for these places, end up going to school outside their home borough. The committee proposes an expansion in the number of specialized high school seats in Queens and will write a resolution to that affect for a vote at a future Board meeting.

Recently compiled data show that although Queens has about 27 percent of the city's population and 36 percent of the students qualifying for the specialized high schools, it has only 3 percent of the specialized high school seats in the city. As a consequence, our students, particularly those from our community district, have to travel far and sometimes at considerable personal expense to attend a specialized school.

An official study released just a few weeks ago confirms in detail what we already knew, that 93 percent of students from Queens attending specialized schools are currently traveling to other boroughs.