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Queens Community Board 11

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

Paul DiBenedetto Chairperson / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

To: All Board Members

From: Jena Lanzetta

Date: April 27, 2026

Re: Introduction of Francis Lewis High School Interim Acting Principal, Nidhi Babbar

On April 16, 2026 the CB11 Education Committee met to meet, Nidhi Bhavar, Francis Lewis High School (FLHS) Interim Acting Principal and discuss the needs of the high school

Committee Members

Jena Lanzetta, Committee Chair and 3rd Vice Chair

Henry Euler, 2nd Vice Chair

Christina Scherer

Melanie Harster

John Sullivan

Nelson Beltran

CB11 Staff

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager

Christina Coutinho, Community Associate

Guests

Nidhi Babbar - Interim Acting Principal FLHS

Mrs. Lanzetta opened the meeting by introducing Ms. Babbar. Ms. Babbar started with the updates regarding FLHS programs and challenges. Ms. Babbar has established popular programs such as the Forensic Science and Culinary Programs. FLHS students have won the State finals in the National Personal Finance Challenge and were featured on ABC Sunday Morning Show. Four students will continue to the Nationals in Atlanta, GA.

There was a brief presentation on the achievements of FLHS.

There are over 4600 students currently attending the school and there are several split sessions. Ms. Babbar stated that 70% of the students are zoned for FLHS. There are some classes that reach 40 students due to restricted space. Other neighborhood schools have a maximum capacity of 24 students per classroom.

There was discussion on how the football field has been under construction for several months and the School Construction Authority has a completion date of September 2026. Ms. Lanzetta asked Mr. Marziliano and Ms. Babbar to reach out to CM Sandra Ung for assistance in this matter.

Ms. Babbar asked for CB11's support in helping students with government internships for September 2026.

There was discussion on how the improvement of social involvement amongst student has increased with the cellphone enforced restrictions. There are approved plans for two buildings to be built across the street from the school, one 13 stories and the other 5 stories. Ms. Babbar discussed how this will affect enrollment for FLHS.

The meeting was adjourned.