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The 2009 ‘Job’ Edition of the City’s Hottest Education Guide Arrives in Council District 6

June 18, 2009—Council Member Gale A. Brewer’s (D-Manhattan) much-heralded education mailing has arrived for its seventh consecutive year in Council District 6 (Upper West Side, North Clinton) mailboxes. Amidst yet another round of daunting bureaucratic reorganization at the Department of Education, Brewer’s Education Newsletter remains a mainstay of consistent, accurate, and comprehensive information for parents navigating an otherwise confusing maze of options. Information provided by the guide includes:

- Name, address, level, and contact information for every public school in Council District 6 – including a detailed map of the district pinpointing each school’s location.
- Statistics measuring teacher qualifications, past student performance, and Title I status
- The Department of Education’s Report Card Grades measuring school progress and performance
- City Council Budget Allocations for new schoolyards, science labs, technology, and more
- Special program offerings and partnerships that make each school unique
- Essential contacts at the school, district, borough, and citywide levels
- Information on four **NEW schools** opening in District 6, including a new middle school, West Prep Academy (100 West 77 Street) and three high schools in the Brandeis Complex (145 West 84 Street): the Urban Assembly School for Green Careers, Innovation Diploma Plus High School, and the Global Learning Collaborative
- A new “**Coping with the Economic Downturn in New York City**” section created to help support our friends and neighbors in District 6 during these hard economic times. Information provided includes employment opportunities, job networking sites, the Workforce Investment Board (www.nyc.gov/wib), and information about local impacts of the Federal stimulus package compiled by Brewer’s office.

Council Member Brewer’s Education Guide, unique in New York City, is in high demand across the district. In addition to parents, real estate brokers request updated copies to include in their information packets for potential renters and buyers. As New Yorkers tighten their belts, more parents are turning to public education and require information to navigate the system. Ultimately, the guide plays a vital role in connecting all community members, especially parents, with the schools in their neighborhood. Especially in a city system as large, confusing, and constantly changing as New York City’s, Council Member Brewer’s Education Guide serves as a testament to consistency, clarity, and sanity.

To receive a copy of the education mailing, contact the office of Council Member Brewer at 212-873-0282 or gale.brewer@council.nyc.gov.