

NYC DOE REPORT CARD 2008 GRADES 3-8	31	32	33	34
THE SCHOOLS	West Prep Academy (New School opening in September 2009)	The Urban Assembly School For Green Careers (New School opening in September 2009)	West Prep Academy (New School opening in September 2009)	The Urban Assembly School For Green Careers (New School opening in September 2009)
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THE PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS	Partnerships: ...	Partnerships: ...	Partnerships: ...	Partnerships: ...
THE STAYS	Partnerships: ...	Partnerships: ...	Partnerships: ...	Partnerships: ...

CHART FOOT NOTES

- A school catchment is a zone formed by street boundaries that determines which schools a student may attend.
- Enrollment figures may change in the middle schools and high schools due to the student transfer program. Figures are as of March 2009.
- Under the leadership of the Network Leader, the Network Team works with principals and staffs in Empowerment schools to provide intensive coaching and professional development, and to assist in analyzing school performance, budgeting, and other business operations.
- Math and Literacy coaches are assigned to schools to help with implementing curriculum in the schools. The coaches function mostly as mentors and professional development instructors to the teachers.
- Arts Coordinators serve as the liaison to a school's arts programs.
- Technology Coordinators will serve as the liaison to a school's technology programs.
- In general, we are pleased with the progress of student achievement, and it is our hope that parents and educators do not overemphasize the results of standardized tests.
 - English Language Arts (ELA). Students in grades 3-8 take this exam each winter. Results are from the NYC Department of Education (NYC DOE) 2007-2008 school year Progress Report.
 - English Language Arts (ELA) Regents. High School numbers are based on students achieving a passing grade of 65 or greater in their junior year from the NYS Report Card.
 - Mathematics. Students in grades 3-8 take this exam in late winter and early spring. Results are from the NYC DOE 2007-2008 school year Progress Report.
 - Mathematics A Regents. High School numbers are based on students achieving a passing grade of 65 or greater. Results are from the NYS Report Card.
 - Science. Primarily for Grades 4 and 8. High school results cannot be reported since there are multiple Regents Examinations (i.e., Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Earth Science).
- Most schools have at least some after-school programs. Phone the main school number for information.
- The Title I Standard for Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility has been proposed to be around 40 percent of students for the 2009-9010 school year. A school designated Title I eligible will receive funds from the Federal government to help offset its costs.
- Free Lunch data based on NYS Report Card Accountability and Overview Report 2006-2007.
- Capital Budget projects are paid for with money secured by the City Council of New York (in the 6th District, by Council Member Gale A. Brewer).
- Empowerment schools: As a part of a network of approximately 25 schools, principals select a network team to help them manage the demands of the system and to provide support, coaching and advocacy related to all issues from instruction to accountability to budgeting. The Empowerment Support Organization option is \$27,000 per school, which includes all of the support and services described above. Network principals may collaborate and make the decision to share expenses for additional resources, such as professional development or team members.
- The list of partnerships and CBOs may change throughout the school year. The data is current as of April 14th, 2009.
- The 2007-2008 NYC DOE Progress Reports generate greater awareness and accountability. Progress Reports for newly-established schools, Early Childhood and District 75 schools were not released. The breakdown of the scores is as follows (adapted from the NYC DOE):
 - School Environment (15% of score), including attendance and the results of parent, student, and teacher surveys.
 - Student Performance (25% of score), as measured by elementary and middle school students' scores each year on the New York State tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics. For high schools, student performance is measured by diplomas and graduation rates.
 - Student Progress (60% of score) measures average student improvement from last year to this year in English Language Arts and Math. For high schools, it evaluates annual student advancement toward graduation through credit accumulation and passed Regents.

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2009 EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

Coping with the Economic Downturn in New York City

In light of the economic stresses besetting many of our friends and neighbors, and the impacts on children and schools, we are taking a portion of the newsletter to share our knowledge of employment opportunities, job networking sites, the Workforce Investment Board (www.nyc.gov/wib), and information about local impacts of the Federal stimulus package. www.nyc.gov/stimulustracker is NYC's stimulus tracking site. Please contact us with any questions or suggestions.

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WORKFORCE1 CAREER CENTER is a job center managed by the NYC Department of Small Business Services and is operated in **MANHATTAN BY SEEDCO AT UPPER MANHATTAN BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CENTER, 215 West 125th Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10027**. It provides clients with comprehensive career services regardless of previous work history, level of education or background, and is open until 8pm Tuesday-Thursday and on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month, and 9am-5pm on the other days. **917.493.7000 or 917.493.7243**

WWW.CAREERLINKNYC.COM, operated by the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS), is a self-service website for laid-off workers seeking information on unemployment and health insurance, training/education programs, and on starting a business. **WWW.NYC.GOV/FASTTRAC** managed by the Kauffman Foundation, offers online application for entrepreneurship training for aspiring and existing business owners. Businesses owned by women and minorities may be eligible for access to public procurement contracts. Contact the NYC SBS at **212.513.6300**.

THE NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 110 William St., New York, NY 10038, has allocated \$45 million to support initiatives to retain laid-off financial services employees, with other programs to attract and expand the businesses and institutions that have made the City the global financial services capital. The EDC is also active in fostering new ideas to keep the city competitive. \$30 million of this total are post 9/11 federal funds re-deployed to assist and attract smaller business in financial services; and \$15 million is other funding allocated to 11 workforce initiatives. Operated by SUNY's Levin Institute, **JumpStart NYC** is a boot camp course for laid off financial services workers who want to participate in a 10-week unpaid internship with start-up companies. 50 students per session. www.levininstitute.org/jumpstartnyc.cfm

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL INVESTMENT FUND/ANGEL FUND is an EDC initiative offering \$3-\$10 million of seed money as "angel" allocations of \$20,000 - \$250,000 to start-up companies. On February 23, 2009, EDC released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for private fund managers to operate the Fund. The Fund is expected to make investments in fall 2009. www.nycedc.com/sfinitiatives. Incubators: The City is partnering with institutions and commercial owners to establish affordable office space. The 160 Varick Street incubator began operation March 1, 2009. **212.624.5872**

FREE CERTIFIED ASSISTANT BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT COURSE at New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. 22-session class. **212.863.8830 or www.nyc.gov/hpd**

Dear Neighborhood,
Another momentous school year has passed, bringing still more changes large and small. We've been challenged by further redistricting issues, more changes in admissions and admissions policy to Kindergarten and even Pre-Kindergarten, and an often-daunting high school admissions process. In addition, a lively discussion is underway about Mayoral control of the schools as the state law sunsets on June 30, 2009. As always, we have much to be glad about: student performance is up and we've seen a heartening influx of Upper West Side families choosing to send their children to public school Kindergarten classes. But the success of our programs, and our district, has also brought overcrowding. And most agree that pre-Kindergarten is a great way to start school, but at least for now students (and parents!) need to apply again for Kindergarten. Finally, the Department of Education's current five-year capital plan ends this year, 2009, and the next five-year plan will include funding for 2010 to 2014. The West Side needs a new school, and I am advocating that one be built as part of the Riverside South development plan. In addition, I am reaching out to ask parents to join us in the planning of a new high school for Community School District 3 as part of the reorganization of the Brandeis High School complex.

Navigating our evolving system can be a daunting task, but, as always, I hope that this, my Seventh Annual Education Newsletter, will serve as an island of stability in a sea of change. I also hope that it will serve as a reminder of what has not changed - that the Upper West Side and Clinton continue to support many of the very best public schools in New York City. As your West Side Council Member, I have the privilege of working with dedicated educators, supportive institutions and groups, and especially our incredible parents. The state of our schools depends on this partnership, and I look forward to continuing our work with all members of the community. Together we can continue to advocate successfully for improvement in teaching and learning on the West Side, meet our problems creatively and positively, and offer all our children the very best education we can provide them.

Manhattan Residents of the New York City Housing Authority can access job training at NYCHA's Resident Employment Services (RES), 1445 Madison Avenue at 99th Street **718.250.5904 or www.nyc.gov/nychares**

Targeted Relief: In an effort to address the economic downturn, the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Financial Empowerment opened four new Financial Empowerment Centers. **212.927.5771 x202**

The Department for the Aging's Senior Employment Services (SES) assists residents 55 and older who are seeking work. Call 311 or go to www.nyc.gov/aging

New York State Department of Labor www.labor.state.ny.us
Job Search Central of the New York Public Library at the Science, Industry, and Business Library, 188 Madison Avenue (at 34th Street), Lower Level, New York, NY 10016. Job Search Central is a brand new resource offering one-to-one career counseling, resume writing, and small business consultation, skill-building workshops and classes, and access to more than 12,000 books and resources, as well as the extremely valuable and effective Vault and WetFeet job search databases. **212.592.7000**

THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, 395 Hudson St., Suite 800, New York, NY 10014, is hiring in preparation for the 2010 Census. **212.584.3400 or 800.991.2520** or new.york.regional.office@ census.gov

ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED BY THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL IN 2009

- CONSORTIUM FOR WORKERS EDUCATION (CWE), 275 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001**, is a nonprofit organization that provides working New Yorkers with education, employment, and advancement programs. **Jobs to Build On** is one of CWE's programs and is a New York City Council Workforce Development initiative for worker training and employment. JTBO partners with communities to place workers locally. **212.647.1900**
- YWCA OF NEW YORK CITY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER, 500 West 56 Street, New York, NY 10019**, offers free computer classes. Applicants must have a high school diploma and a photo id. **212.937.8700**
- PARENTJOBNET** empowers low to moderate-income public school parents with the skills and resources needed to obtain jobs and enhance careers. They offer classes, workshops, and career fairs for working parents. www.parentjobnet.org or call **866.541.3994** or visit the office at **PS 84, 32 West 92nd St., New York, NY 10025**.
- NONTRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN, 243 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011** teaches electrical work and grads earn \$10-\$45 per hour. **212.627.6252**
- OLDER ADULTS TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (OATS)** offers free classes to teach seniors how to use and be safe on the Internet, and to network for part-time employment opportunities. **718.974.8357**

Additionally, one valuable non-governmental resource for news about workforce and economic development is the New York City Employment & Training Coalition. www.nycetc.org

IMPORTANT EDUCATION PHONE NUMBERS

New York City Department of Education	Community School District 3 Offices
52 Chambers Street New York, NY 10007 http://schools.nyc.gov	154 West 93rd Street, RM 122 New York, NY 10025 http://csd3.nycdoe.org
MAIN # 212.374.6000	CSD3 SUPERINTENDENT Dr. Roser Salavert 212.678.5857
CHANCELLOR Joel Klein 212.374.0200	DISTRICT FAMILY ADVOCATES DJ Sheppard 212.678.5857 Rita Knight 212.678.2892
OFFICE OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT Martine Guerrier 212.374.2323	DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL President, Elizabeth Shell 212.678.2782 (term finishes on June 30th; new president will be elected late August/early September among the newly elected Council Members.) Meets once per month
OFFICE OF GIFTED AND TALENTED Main # 212.374.5165 212.374.5972	PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL Co-President Bijou Miller and Paula Seefeldt 212.678.2892 (term finishes on June 30, election for the new president will take place on June 17) Meets once a month
CENTRAL OFFICE OF HOME SCHOOLING William Harrington 917.339.1748	Manhattan Integrated Service Center 333 7th Avenue, 8th Floor New York, NY 10001 Main # 212.356.3700 Director Robert Wilson 212.356.3881
Additional Programs	Manhattan North Service Center 388 West 125th Street New York, NY 10027 COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE) Main # 212.342.8300
ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN Education Helpline 877.427.6033 www.advocatesforchildren.org www.insideschools.org	OFFICE OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT Main # 212.342.8312 Elementary School Hazel Adams 212.342.8315 Middle School Walter Friedman 212.342.8320
GODDARD RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER BEACON PROGRAM 154 West 93rd Street (M.S. 118 Bldg) New York, NY 10025 Sheila Clark 212.866.0009	THE BEEHIVE NEW YORK www.thebeehive.org The Beehive is an online resource offering support services for parents and students ranging from choosing a school to finding homework help.
CITYWIDE COUNCIL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION President, John Englert 718.752.7393	CITY COUNCIL ON HIGH SCHOOLS President Valerie Armstrong-Barrows 718.752.7478
LEARNING LEADERS Main # 212.213.3370 www.learningleaders.org Trains and provides tutors for NYC public schools	Through a partnership with Lighthouse International, this newsletter is available in large print format, and in audio, digital, and Braille formats. La traducción en español también está disponible; llame 212-873-0282.

SCHOOLS IN THE 6th COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
	P.S. 9 (Renaissance School for Music and Art)	P.S. 75 (Emily Dickinson School)	P.S. 84 (Lillian Weber)	P.S. 87 (William T. Sherman)	P.S. 166 (Richard Rodgers School of Arts & Tech)	P.S. 191 (Amsterdam School)	P.S. 191 (The Hudson Honors Middle School)	P.S. 199 (Jesse I. Strauss)	P.S. 333 (Manhattan School for Children) / MSC Middle School	P.S. 334 (The Anderson School) Location starting September 2009	P.S. 859 (Special Music School)	M.S. 44 (William J. O'Shea)	M.S. 243 (The Center School) Location starting September 2009	M.S. 245 (Computer School)	M.S. 247 (Dual Language School)	M.S. 250 (West Side Collaborative)	M.S. 256 (Academic and Athletic Excellence)	M.S. 258 (Community Action School)	P.S. 811M (The Hudson Honors Middle School)	H.S. 400 (High School for Environmental Studies)	H.S. 470 (Louis D. Brandeis High School)	H.S. 479 (Beacon High School)	H. 485 (LaGuardia High School)	H.S. 492 (Martin Luther King Jr. HS for Law, Advocacy, and Community Justice)	H.S. 494 (Martin Luther King Jr. HS for Arts and Technology)	H.S. 541 (Manhattan/Hunter High School of Science)	H.S. 307 (Urban Assembly: Media Studies High School)	H.S. 283 (Manhattan Theatre Lab High School)	H.S. 299 (The School for Arts, Imagination and Inquiry)	H.S. 544 (Independence High School)	West Prep Academy (New School opening in September 2009)	The Urban Assembly School For Green Careers (New School opening in September 2009)	Innovation Diploma Plus High School (New School opening in September 2009)	The Global Learning Collaborative (New School opening in September 2009)



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