

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

EDUCATION & FAMILY SERVICES  
2026



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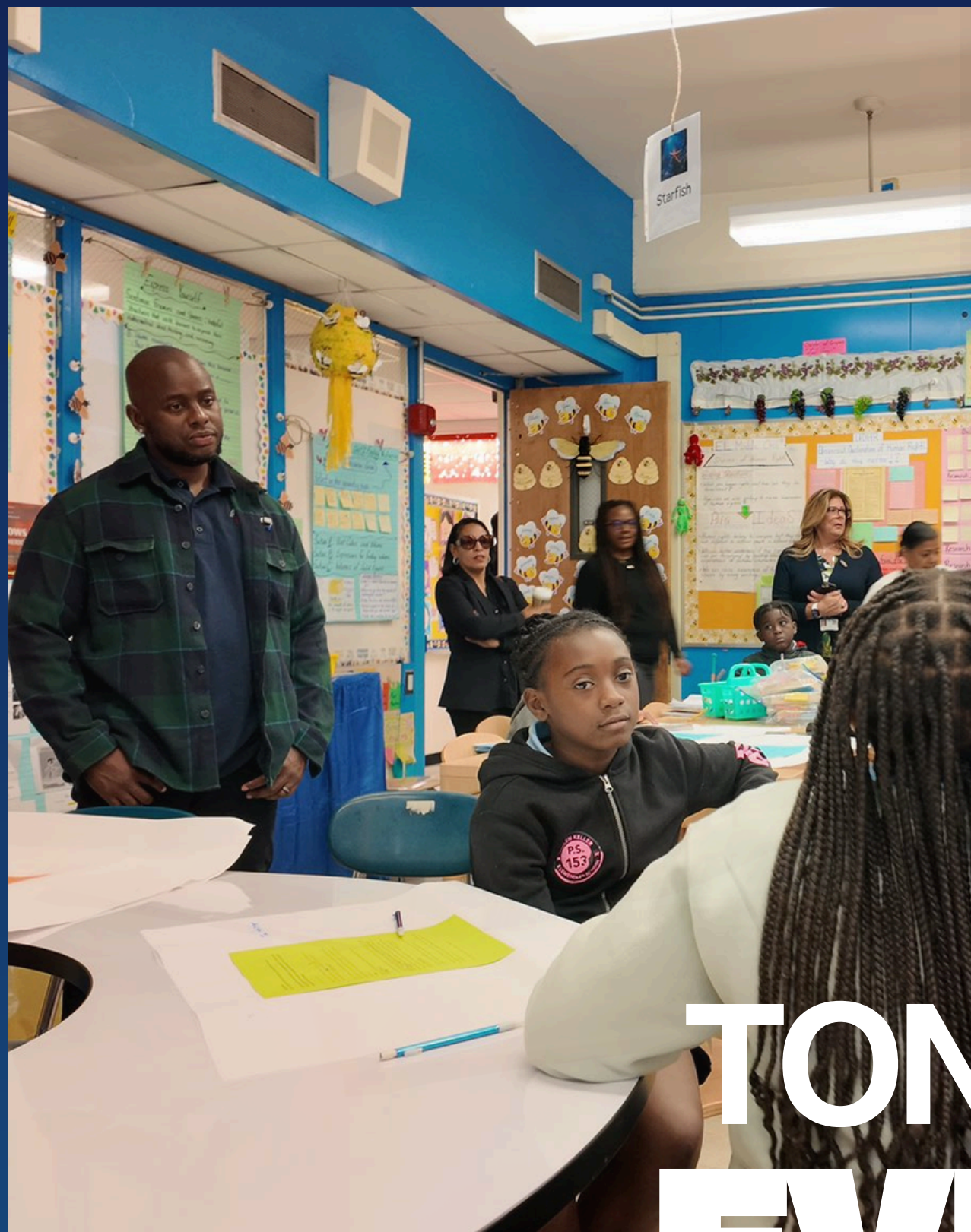
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YOUTH SERVICES,  
MARCH 12. 2026

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*TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE.*



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**TONIGHT'S  
EVENTS**





## NOT JUST POLITICS, PERSONAL.

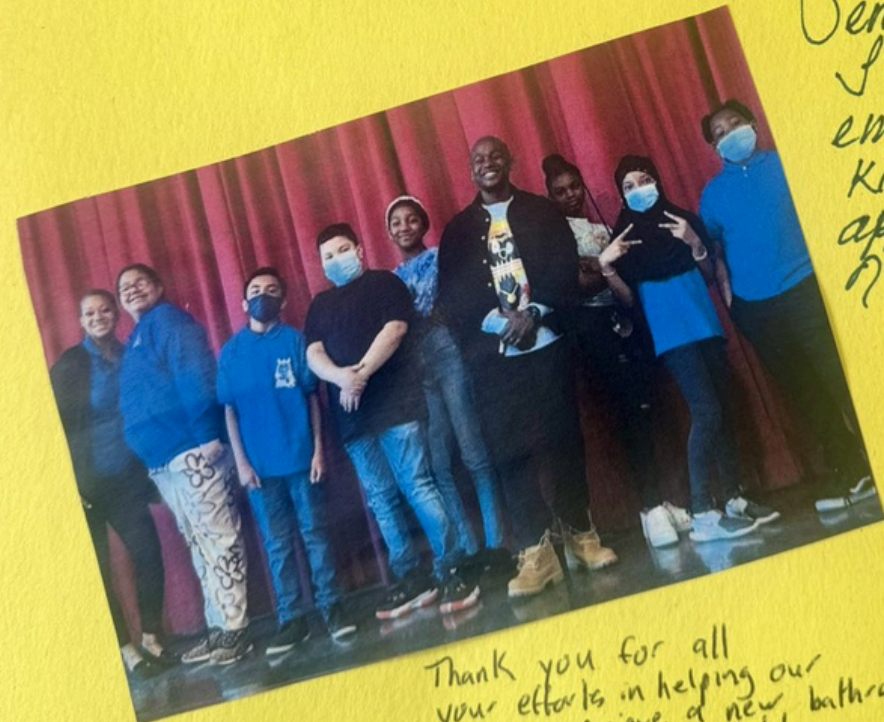
It has been an *incredible* honor to serve the families in my community, and deliver real, meaningful wins.

A commitment I made in my first year, is that during my tenure I would ensure **every** public school would get funding from our office, whether it is through capital or expense investments.

I have had the pleasure of returning to many of these schools as these projects have progressed or completed, and there is no greater joy than seeing the excitement our children have, and how these investments motivate them to believe in their own futures.

# COUNCIL MEMBER'S GREETINGS

Thank you so much for updating the bathrooms for our Kiddies. Means the world to us!!  
-Ashley



Señor Riley,  
I can't thank you enough for your kindness! Our scholars appreciate you thinking of them!  
Reyer.

Thank you for all your efforts in helping our students receive a new bathroom! Much needed!

Can't thank you enough for giving our bathrooms and uplift, which has supported our students in having more respect spaces! Thank you!  
Abari





# LEGISLATIVE Highlights

## *Recent Wins*

**LL 146/  
2025**

INT. 955-2025

This bill would require NYC Public Schools and the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) to annually report on afterschool programs they operate and/or fund, including program location, available seats, enrollment, student demographics, and average attendance for the prior school year.

**LL 99/  
2025**

INT. 643-2024

Referred to as the “Indoor Hoops Act” this bill requires NYC Public Schools & NYC Parks to post info on how to request use of indoor basketball courts, and study on improving access to indoor basketball courts during inclement weather.

**LL 57/  
2025**

INT. 671-2024

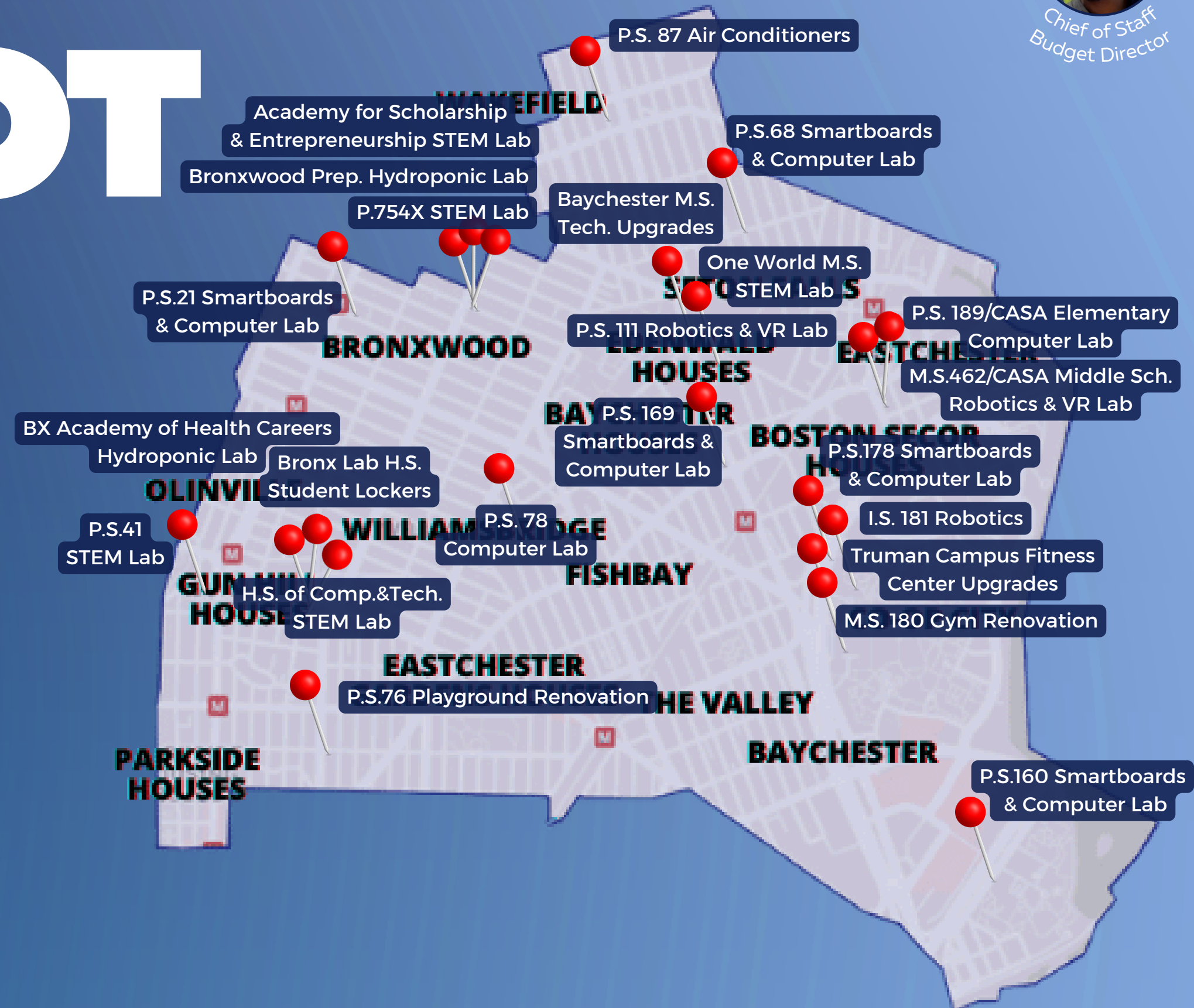
This bill authorizes NYC to waive civil service exam fees students enrolled at any public, private, or charter high school in NYC or who are first time applicants.



# FY26 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

**\$12,694,000**

CAPITAL FUNDING





# M.S. 113 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

**\$900,000**

FUNDING FOR RICHARD R. GREEN CAMPUS



*In FY23 the Richard R. Green campus received \$750K for school upgrades, and another \$150K for tech upgrades in FY25.*



# FY26 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

**\$620,000**

**IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Ballet Hispanico

Bracketville Books

Center for Education  
Innovation

Community Word  
Project

Education Through  
Music

Epic Theatre Center

Generation  
Acceleration

Inside Broadway  
(Midtown Management Group)

Lehman College Art  
Gallery

MVP Swimmers

Notes in Motion

Slice of Excellence

Swim Outreach

NYC Public Schools



# FY26 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

**\$ 1,532,000**

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

1199 SEIU: Future  
of America Center

AIMHigh  
Empowerment

American Debate  
League

BeingEgypt Cares

Boy Scouts of  
America

Bronx Giants Youth  
Football & Cheer

Bronx River  
Alliance

Caregivers  
Outreach Ministry  
Empowerment

NYC Dept. of Parks  
& Recreation

ENVSN  
Foundation

Game Over Hicks  
Family Foundation

Good Shepherd  
Services

Gun Hill  
Basketball Assoc.

Hoops in the Sun

KJ's Sports  
Project

MARIA GEMS

Mind-Builders  
Creative Arts Ctr.

Mosholu-Montefiore  
Community Center  
(MMCC)

National Double  
Dutch League

New York Junior  
Tennis League

QBA Cares

Renaissance  
Youth Center

Roads to Success

VISIONS Svcs. for  
Blind & Visually  
Impaired

WizKids Books B4  
Basketball

Y.M.C.A.

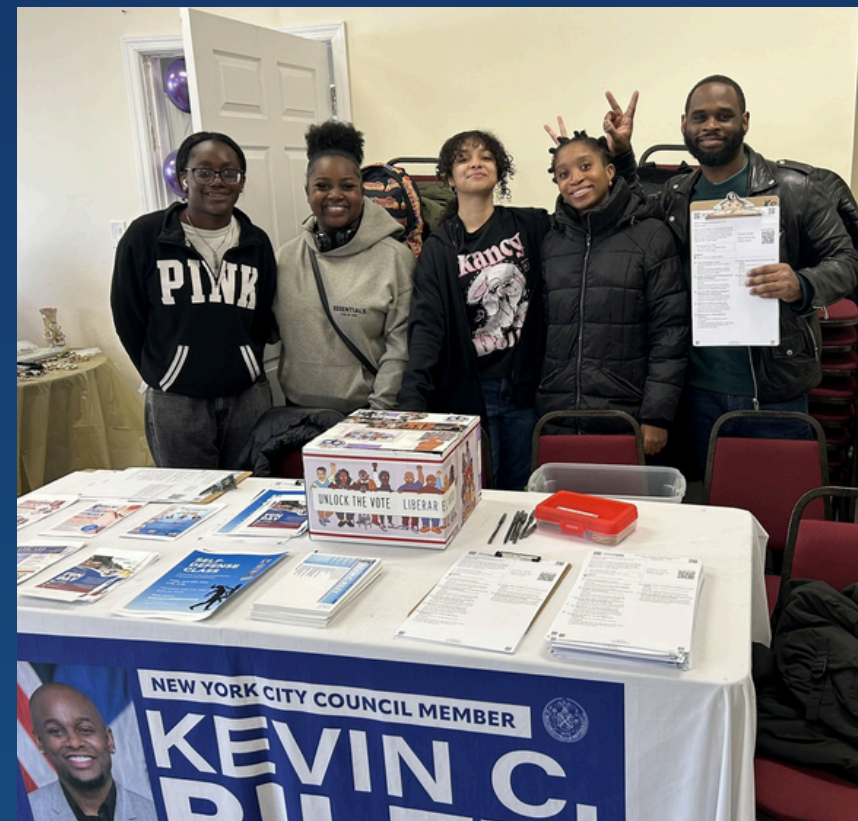
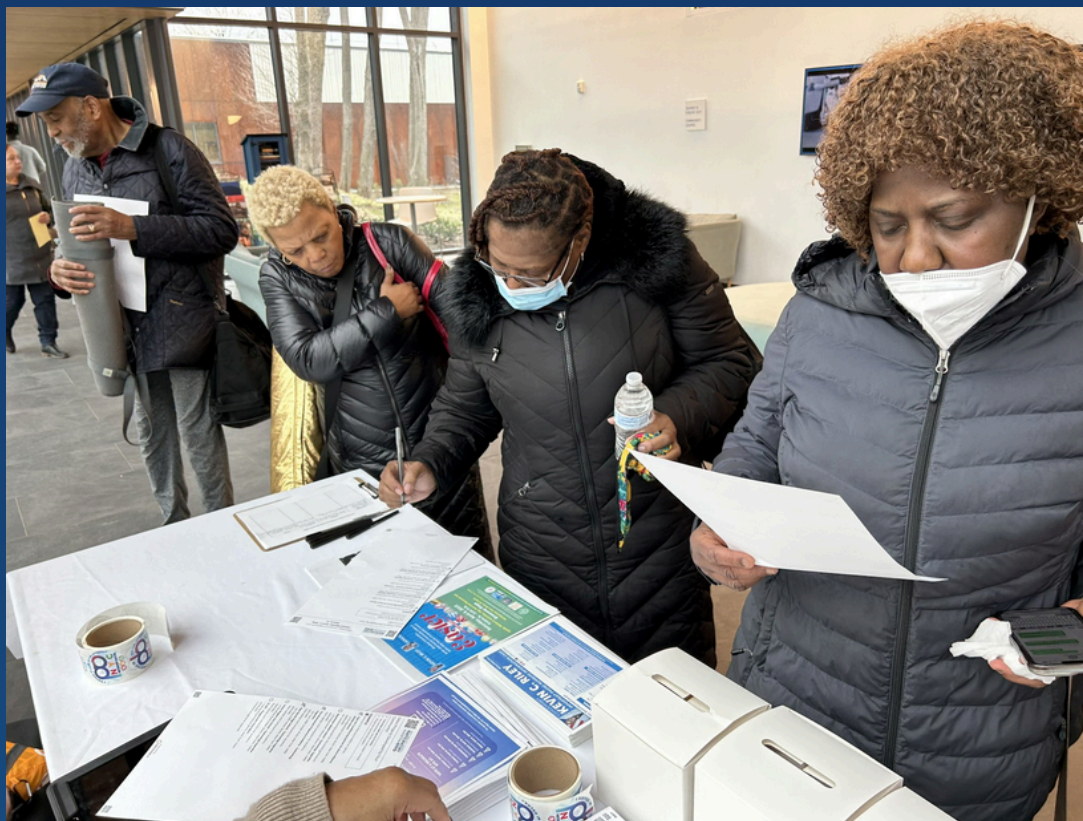
# PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING



## *WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING?*

Participatory Budgeting is an annual initiative for community members to decide how to **\$1 Million** in their district. Council Member Riley was the first Council Member in District 12 to opt into this initiative in 2021 & we're excited to bring it back.

*Ideas are collected and shared with agencies, and eligible projects get voted in by the community to be passed in the annual June budget.*



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Vote Week**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup> –**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup> 2026**





# CONSTITUENT REQUESTS

## Education Related Requests



### Need help with admissions, enrollment, and more?

- Visit the Department of Education (DOE) **Family Welcome Centers**
  - They can assist with:
    - Questions about **admissions**, **guidance** for students new to New York City, **enrollment**, information about **offers** & **waitlists** (after offers are released), adding your child to **waitlists** & to **accept/decline offers** (when waitlists are open).
    - Appointments are not required but recommended!

### Important Numbers!

- NYC Public Schools: 718-935-2200
- NYC Schools - Special Education Hotline: 718-935-2007
- NYC Schools - Office of Pupil Transportation: (718) 392-8855

### Not sure which resources you need?

- Contact Our Office
  - If you are not sure who to contact about a specific issue or have not received a response, call our **District Office** at **718-684-5509** or email us at **District12@council.nyc.gov** and ask to speak to our **Education Liaison**, **Leichele Walker**.

#### **School District 11 FWC:** **Zerega Family Welcome Center**

- Address:  
**1230 Zerega Avenue, Rm. 24,**  
Bronx, NY 10462
- Email:  
**ZeregaFWC@schools.nyc.gov**
- Phone: **718-828-7546**

Council District 12 is covered by School District 11. If you are attending a school outside this education district, you can visit [boundaries.beta.nyc](https://boundaries.beta.nyc) to locate your school district.



# Thank You!



**Our team thanks you for attending!**

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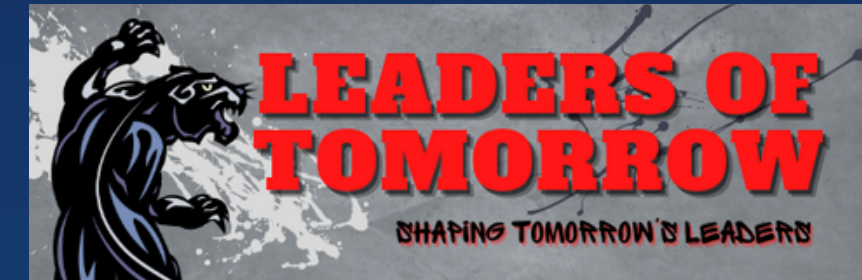
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Shehanie Mendis



Legislative Fellow

**A special thank you to our partners:**



Deb Learning Academy | New York Edge | Speak HIRE | Hidden Gems | Advocates for Children | Not On My Watch International (NOMWI) | CEPBA | Generation Acceleration | AIM High EI | American Debate League | Renaissance Youth Center | Road To Success | MVP Swimmers

**Join our next community conversation!**

Look out for information about our next **Community Conversation** on **March 24th!**

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**Stay connected to our office!**