



Education Update

Assemblymember

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73RD Assembly District

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JONATHAN L. BING:

Dear Neighbor:

As we enter Spring and the end of the 2009-2010 school year, I wanted to highlight some of the education issues most relevant to our community. As the parent of a daughter who will one day attend public school on the East Side, education is a top priority for me. Over the past year, I have worked to get new and renovated schools on the East Side, assist PTA's in hiring teaching aides for their local schools, and ensure parents in my district can voice concerns and get answers from the Department of Education (DOE).

Within this newsletter, you will find information about new school seats on the East Side, a map of schools and school zones on the East Side of Manhattan, useful DOE and local school contact information for parents, and information about recent developments and legislation which will affect your child's school in the near future.

My office is always available to people who need assistance with education issues. We will work with your local school and with the DOE to find the appropriate solutions to your problems, and get timely answers to any questions you may have about any aspect of the enrollment process. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (212) 605-0937 or via email at bingj@assembly.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

*Jonathan L. Bing
Assemblymember*

Bing Named Chair of Assembly Libraries and Education Technology Committee

On March 4, Assemblymember Bing was named Chair of the New York State Assembly's Libraries and Education Technology Committee. His appointment was a result of his past efforts to ensure that New York City libraries are properly funded. Assemblymember Bing also authored legislation adopted in the 2005-06 budget which updated the state library funding formula, and provided New York City libraries with \$1.5 million in additional

aid. Assemblymember Bing also provided funding to the Yorkville Library in 2007 to renovate its Children's Library. Assemblymember Bing is currently the author of legislation (A. 9527) to increase library aid based on a cost-of-living adjustment factor increase. This summer Assemblymember Bing will be hosting his annual Summer Reading Challenge to encourage children to read for at least fifteen minutes every day.

Elementary School Zones and Contact Information

P.S. 198 Isador E. Straus School (Zone 198) 1700 Third Avenue Telephone: (212) 298-3702	Principal: Sharon Jeffrey Roebuck 2009-2010 K-5 Enrollment: 547 Students Parent Coordinator: Danielle Festa
P.S. 77 Lower Lab School 1700 Third Avenue Telephone: (212) 427-2798	Gifted and Talented Program Principal: Mara Koetke 2009-2010 K-5 Enrollment: 351 Students Parent Coordinator: Gina Goodman
P.S. 151 Yorkville Community School (Zone 151) 323 East 91 st Street Telephone: (212) 534-1627	Principal: Samantha Kaplan 2009-2010 K-5 Enrollment: 79 (K only in 09-10) Parent Coordinator: Not Yet Assigned
P.S. 6 Lillie D. Blake School (Zone 6) 45 East 81 st Street Telephone: (212) 737-9774	Principal: Lauren Fontana 2009-2010 K-5 Enrollment: 786 Students Parent Coordinator: Pamela Fuchs
P.S. 290 Manhattan New School (Zone 290) 311 East 82 nd Street Telephone: (212) 734-7127	Principal: Sharon Hill 2009-2010 K-5 Enrollment: 640 Students Parent Coordinator: Felicia Weisberg
P.S. 158 Bayard Taylor School (Zone 158) 1458 York Avenue Telephone: (212) 744-6562	Principal: Darryl Alhadeff 2009-2010 K-5 Enrollment: 743 Students Parent Coordinator: Mary Semack
P.S. 183 Robert Louis Stevenson School (Zone 183) 419 East 66 th Street Telephone: (212) 861-8314	Principal: May Anne Sacco 2009-2010 K-5 Enrollment: 630 Students Parent Coordinator: LuAnn Propper
P.S. 59 Beekman Hill International School (Zone 59) Temporary Location (Through 2011): 213 East 63 rd Street Telephone: (212) 888-7870	Principal: Adele Schroeter 2009-2010 K-5 Enrollment: 484 Students Parent Coordinator: Kathleen King
PS 267 (Opening Fall 2010) – See adjacent page Temporary Location: 1458 York Avenue	Principal: Medea McEvoy Estimated 2010-2011 Enrollment: 60-75 Students

Middle Schools and Contact Information

M.S. 167 Robert F. Wagner Middle School 220 East 76 th Street Telephone: (212) 535-8610	Principal: Jennifer Rehn 2009-2010 Enrollment: 1,240 Students Parent Coordinator: Marilyn DeNicola
M.S. 114 East Side Middle School 331 East 91 st Street (Beginning Fall 2010) Telephone: (212) 439-6278	Principal: David Getz 2009-2010 Enrollment: 388 Students Parent Coordinator: Caren Austen

Additional Resources

Parent Coordinators: Parent Coordinators are Department of Education employees assigned to individual schools. They work closely with school staff, school leadership teams, parent associations, community groups, and parent advisory councils to engage families and involve them in school communities. They also are charged with identifying issues of concern to families and working with school leaders to ensure that these issues are addressed in a timely manner. Parent coordinators are reachable through your local school's main office number, and should be contacted when parents have questions or concerns about their children's school.

District Family Advocates: District Family Advocates work closely with Parent Coordinators to address parent concerns on the district level. For **District 2**, the Family Advocate is **Jennifer Greenblatt**. She can be reached at **(212) 356-3789**.

Expanding School Seats on the East Side



Assemblymember Bing continues to work to increase the number of school seats on the East Side. The renovation of P.S. 59, set to be completed in Fall 2012, will create an additional 300 seats for area children. Coupled with the completion of

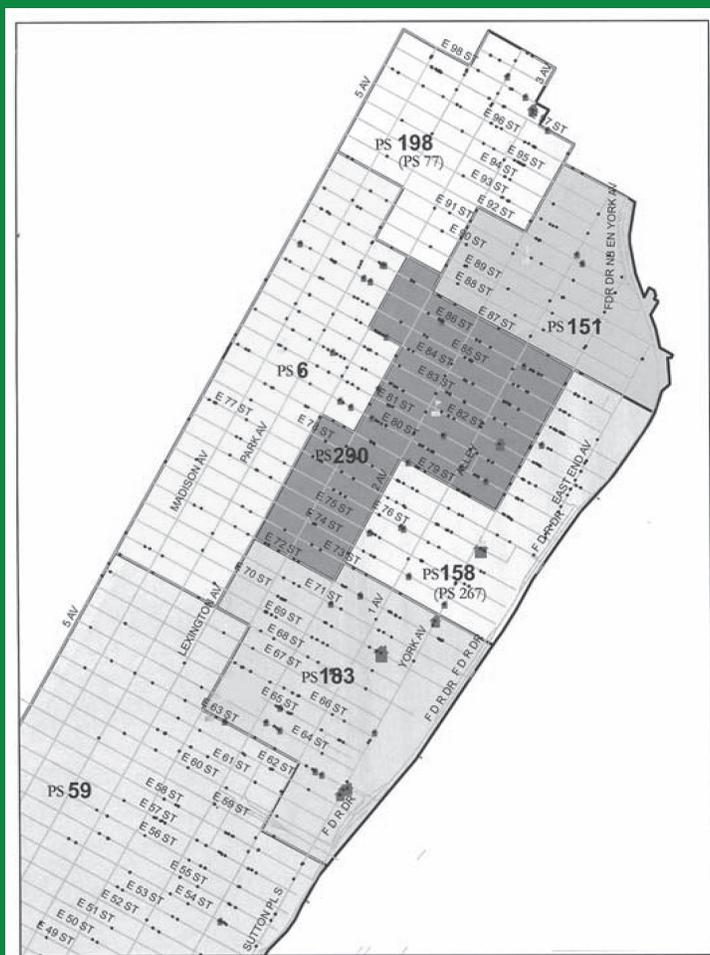
the new development in East Midtown, East Side students will see an increase of over 1,000 school seats in the coming years. This fall, P.S. 267, a new elementary school on the East Side, is also set to open.

P.S. 267 will initially be housed at 1458 York Avenue, in the same building as P.S. 158. The school will serve 60 to 75 students this fall, and grow by one grade per year. In Fall 2012, the school will move to its permanent site at 213 East 63rd Street. P.S. 267 will serve 350 to 450 students when it reaches full capacity.

Priority admission will be given to students zoned for the three most overcrowded schools on the East Side -- P.S. 59, P.S. 183, and P.S. 290. The principal of the new elementary school will be Medea McEvoy. Principal McEvoy formerly served as Chief Instruction Officer at the Department of Education, and was previously a teacher at P.S. 6 on the East Side. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about P.S. 267, please contact Assemblymember Bing's office at (212) 605-0937.

Additional Resources

EAST SIDE SCHOOL ZONE MAP



The Community Education Council of District 2

(CECD2) is composed of nine parents elected from Parent Associations or Parent Teacher Associations (PA/PTAs) of the schools in the district, two Manhattan Borough President appointees and one student member. CECs hold monthly public meetings, and contribute to shaping educational policy in their districts including approving school zoning lines, holding hearings on the capital plan, evaluating community superintendents, and providing input on other important policy issues. For further information please visit www.cecd2.net or call (212) 356-3915.

Administration

President: T. Elzora Cleveland
Vice President: Mary Silver
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Treasurer: Cynthia Alvarez
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Council Members

Emily Benjamin
Beth Cirone
Diana Florence
Eric Greenleaf
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Arts and Cultural Education

The East Side is home to a number of arts and cultural resources for students to enjoy. Below is a list of some of the free programs that are offered at museums in my district.

<p>Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum Smithsonian Institution 2 East 91st Street New York, NY 10128 Workshop Reservation: (212) 849-8351 Website: www.cooperhewitt.org</p>	<p>The dynamic educational programs known as Design Directions provide students with insight into the ways in which design shapes our lives. FREE programs are offered throughout the year and include design studios with professional designers, studio visits, and portfolio workshops.</p>
<p>National Academy Museum 1083 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10128 Museum-School: (212) 369-4880 Website: www.nationalacademy.org</p>	<p>Museum-School partnerships program at the museum provides in-school visits by a teaching artist or museum educator, art making workshops, professional development for teachers and special programs for families.</p>
<p>The Jewish Museum 1109 5th Ave at 92nd St New York, NY 10128 Family Programs: (212) 423-3337 Website: www.thejewishmuseum.org</p>	<p>The museum offers FREE art projects, storytelling, gallery tours and more. Programs vary throughout the year. Discover great artists or celebrate a holiday through large scale Family Days with multiple activities for the whole family to enjoy together.</p>
<p>The Metropolitan Museum of Art 1000 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10028 Museumkids Programs: (212) 570-3961 Website: www.metmuseum.org</p>	<p>Museumkids, is a program that offers various art, artists, and world cultural resources through fun activities, family-friendly publications, teachers' guides, and more.</p>
<p>Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum 1071 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10128 Registration: (212) 423-3637 Website: www.guggenheim.org</p>	<p>The museum offers resources for children to participate in conversations, sketch in the galleries, and create a variety of individual and collaborative art projects, as well as learn about artistic processes by expressing their ideas through various programs.</p>

Assemblymember Bing Successful in Push for Arts Education Committee

On March 31, the Department of Education and Panel for Education Policy implemented Assemblymember Bing's legislation (A. 9134) to establish an arts advisory committee for New York City public schools. The bill creates a committee to advise the Chancellor on arts education, and to work on improving compliance with State arts education requirements. The 12-member Arts Advisory Committee will be

charged with advising and commenting on any educational or instructional policy involving arts education, issuing an annual report on the effectiveness of city school districts in providing arts education, and will make appropriate recommendations on how to improve the efficacy and delivery of such services. The committee will also hold public meetings to discuss issues related to arts education.

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