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**Mon - Thurs 9am-2pm**

**OPEN POSITIONS ON THE PARENT  
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC)**



# LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**AND NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR PLC**



**WHAT POSITIONS ARE OPEN?**

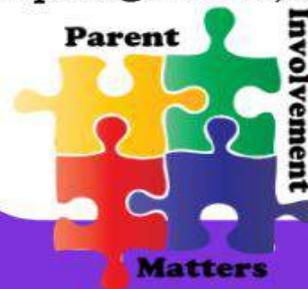
**WE ARE LOOKING FOR:**

- PLC TREASURER
- PLC FUNDRAISER
- PLC PARENT VOLUNTEERS



Parent Involvement is so important for our scholars especially during this remote learning we are in. Join us & Make a Difference!

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# **WHY JOIN WCHS PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC)?**



1. Joining the PLC gives a voice to all parents.
2. You will be in the KNOW. You will know what's happening in the school, suggest ideas, plan parent meetings and most importantly increase parent involvement in our school.
3. You can share your skills. All parents whether working or stay at home parents, all have individual talents they can share.
4. You can show you care. Becoming a member of the PLC demonstrates to your scholar the importance you place on education as well as being involved in their world.

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# AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR SCHOLARS: “SUMMER RISING PLAN” PLEASE READ THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR

THIS IS A RESOURCE FOR ALL OF THE SCHOLARS WITHIN YOUR HOUSEHOLD.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

**A RECOVERY FOR ALL OF US: MAYOR DE BLASIO, CHANCELLOR PORTER, DYCD  
COMMISSIONER CHONG ANNOUNCE INNOVATIVE SUMMER RISING PLAN**

*Summer Rising will provide hands-on academic support & enrichment opportunities as  
well as critical childcare services*



**NEW YORK**—Mayor Bill de Blasio, Schools Chancellor Meisha Porter and Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) Commissioner Bill Chong today announced Summer Rising, the City’s free, summer plan for any child in grades K-12 who wants to participate. For the first time ever, the City will use the Community Schools strategy to integrate the New York City Department of Education’s (NYCDOE’s) academic supports and DYCD’s school-based enrichment programming to create a comprehensive summer program during the most critical summer for New York City students. Summer Rising will be student-centered, experiential, academically rigorous and culturally responsive and sustaining.

Applications for in-person K-8 programs will open on Monday, April 26, and families can sign up through the [discover DYCD website](#). **Kindergarten and elementary** school students will participate in a five-day a week program for seven weeks, providing critical childcare services for families as they return to the workplace. **Students with 12-month IEPs** will participate in a five-day a week program for six weeks. **Middle school** students will participate in a four-day a week program for six weeks, and **high school students** will participate in a five week program with tailored scheduling to meet their needs. In addition, high school students will have the opportunity to engage in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and participate in the Public Schools Athletic League. Schools will begin outreach to families of high school students in the coming weeks to confirm participation. Students attending for promotion purposes will be in the same program as students participating for enrichment.

“Our kids have been through so much, and they need our support as we build a recovery for all of us,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “This is a free program for all New York City students, combining academics and cultural enrichment for the best summer yet.”

“This summer is pivotal for our school communities, and we have created a summer experience unlike anything we have ever done before to bring our students back stronger than ever. Summer Rising will be a holistic experience that combines the power of strong academic supports, social emotional learning and enrichment programming,” said **Schools Chancellor Meisha Porter**. “Through this innovative partnership with DYCD and our trusted community partners, and thanks to our heroic principals, teachers and staff, we’ll be able to serve any New York City student who wants to attend in-person so they can receive the comprehensive supports they need during this critical time.”

“Summer Rising is truly the best of both worlds: bringing together for the first time the strengths of DYCD-funded summer enrichment initiatives and DOE’s academic programs into a singular experience for young people, particularly those from communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. DYCD and our network of community providers are excited to join DOE in keeping

classrooms open this summer for safe learning, childcare, connection, and fun,” said **DYCD Commissioner Bill Chong**.

**NYC** Department of Youth & Community Development | **discoverDYCD**

**SIGN UP TO APPLY FOR SELECT SERVICES OR PROGRAMS TODAY!**

Summer Rising will address immediate academic and social emotional needs of children and youth across the City. Planned and operated collaboratively by school principals and trusted community-based organizations (CBOs), programs for students in grades K-8 will be available citywide including tailored support for those who need academic support and students with disabilities. These programs will provide a bridge to next school year and allow students to re-connect with one another and with their schools, to ensure continued learning, and provide avenues for recreation, exploration, and fun. High school students will have access to academic and social emotional supports designed locally to meet the unique needs of older students.



Summer locations will be available in every borough, with nearly half of all DOE school buildings serving students citywide. All programs will follow rigorous health and safety protocols and have access to testing, nursing support and a telehealth call center. In addition, Situation Room policies and protocols will be followed.

All K-8 students participating in programs will have access to academic classes, enrichment programming including field trips, arts activities and outdoor recreation, and will engage in daily social emotional learning activities.

All programs will be free, in-person, and run in four time frames:

Students in grades K-5 will participate in summer programming from July 6 to August 20. Students will engage five days a week, receiving academic support, engaging in social emotional learning activities, and participating in enrichment programming. Students with 12-month IEP services will participate in summer programming from July 2 to August 13, five days a week. They will receive instruction and related services based on their IEPs, as well as enrichment programming. Students in grades 6-8 will participate in summer programming from July 6 to August 12. Students will engage four days a week, receiving academic support, engaging in social emotional learning activities, and participating in enrichment programming.

Students in grades 9-12 who have a Course in Progress, or who need to retake a course they failed in a prior term, will participate in academic instruction from July 6 to August 13. High school students will also have the opportunity to accelerate learning, and access social emotional supports and arts programming. Similar to prior years, high school students will continue to have the opportunity to participate in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).



There will be remote programming available for interested families whose children are mandated for summer learning or have a 12-month IEP. Program offerings for high school students will depend on school community needs and may include a mix of in-person and remote options.

Consistent with years prior, schools will notify families by June if their student is required to participate in summer learning and will share additional details with families about how they can enroll. These students will participate together in the same Summer Rising programs as those students not mandated to attend.

In line with previous policy and practice, grade promotion decisions are based on a holistic review of a student's progress toward meeting the standards for their grade level. Teachers will review multiple pieces of student work in English language arts and math to make these decisions. State test scores will not be a factor in whether a student is promoted. If a school requires a student to attend summer learning, their promotion to the next grade is contingent on demonstrating sufficient progress in their summer learning.

“It has been a tumultuous year for our City’s youth and Summer Rising is critical for our return to normal. Our students deserve every opportunity available to thrive and learn, and I encourage Queens families to take advantage of this innovative program. Many thanks to the Mayor, DOE and DYCD for this groundbreaking initiative,” said **Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Jr.**

"Our students have suffered tremendously since the pandemic started, particularly those in communities hardest hit by Covid-19 and they will need support to successfully rebound. The Summer Rising program will provide them with the academic, social and emotional support they need to be ready for school in September while also having fun. The Council is proud to support this initiative and will continue fighting for the support and services our students need to thrive," **said Council Speaker Corey Johnson.**

"It is crucial that we connect every child from every zip code with summer enrichment programming that not only addresses COVID-19 academic setbacks, but that supports the whole child. Our children deserve summer programs that meet the needs of all students and that are centered on providing children and their families with wraparound support services including social and emotional supports and childcare, coupled with fun, active learning instruction emphasizing the arts, music, recreation, and field trips. Summer Rising will remove barriers to learning to enable meaningful connections, and an ability to meet the holistic needs of children and their families," **said Council Member Mark Treyger, Chair of the Committee on Education.**

"I applaud the advocacy of Mayor de Blasio, Chancellor Porter, and Commissioner Chong to expand learning opportunities available for children in grades K-12 through the Summer Rising program. As the former Chair of the Committee on Youth Services, I know that educational enrichment for our young people is especially important during the summer months when schools are closed and parents must find alternative activities for their children. The implementation of a free summer program that encourages a student-centered and academically rigorous experience is a critical step to engage our young people. I am confident that this type of summer program will help our students remain focused on broadening their educational experience as they grow and mature, and I look forward to supporting similar initiatives in the near future," **said Council Member Mathieu Eugene.**

"The Summer Rising plan is an exciting development as we look to provide enrichment opportunities for students and help to offset some of the childcare burden on families. By combining some of the city's best programs for young people, including the Summer Youth Employment Program, students of all ages will be able to access much-needed in-person instruction and ease the transition to full-time, in-person instruction this fall. Initiatives such as this only happen through robust public discourse and conversations between communities and families, and I am looking forward to sharing this program," **said Council Member I. Daneek Miller.**

"This summer is going to be critical for our students who have unprecedented academic, social, and emotional needs during these unprecedented times" **Said Council Member Brad Lander**  
"To have a program that will be available and accessible to all our kids, like *Summer Rising*, throughout the City will be integral in getting our kids the support they need after this traumatic year and on track to have a success year this fall."

“Our students have had a difficult time adjusting to the changes caused by the Pandemic. Many of our most underserved children did not have access to reliable internet, a laptop, or personal space to study from during the start of the pandemic. Other students found it hard to adjust to a fully remote setting. This initiative will also help many parents and guardians by providing much-needed childcare services,” said **Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez**. “We need to provide our students with the tools and the resources they need to be ready to return to school. I look forward to continuing to working alongside Mayor de Blasio, DOE Chancellor Porter, DYCD Commissioner Chong, teachers, parents, and advocates to ensure our students are receiving all of the support they need to return to school in September.”

"As New York continues to rebuild from this devastating pandemic, Summer Rising will help K-12 students to remain engaged with structured learning in their school communities", said **State Senator Roxanne J. Persaud**. "It is important that young people have opportunities to retake a course or accelerate on their current path; it is also important that youth have access to supports that further social and emotional learning."

“After a year of social distancing and zoom class, there’s nothing students need more than a summer of socialization and educational enrichment. Summer Rising is a creative and accessible summer program suited to support students after such a hard and tumultuous year. I’m grateful the Mayor’s Office, Department of Education and Department of Youth and Community Development are prioritizing the needs of young New Yorkers when crafting special programs for this summer,” said **State Senator Brad Hoylman**.

“I think it’s a great idea to give our students an opportunity to exercise their minds and get their creative juices flowing again, particularly after suffering through the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic. I fully support this very necessary effort by the city to improve the education and well-being of our young people and I look forward to helping in any way that I can,” said **State Senator James Sanders Jr.**

"This is a much needed service for our K thru 12 students . Missing in school learning over the past year requires new and innovative approaches using resources from different agencies . Putting our students first is a great use of NYC resources," said **Assembly Member Jeffrion Aubry**.

“Our children have had such a difficult year socially, emotionally and, of course, academically,” said **Assembly Member Steven Cymbrowitz**. “We won’t know the full toll the pandemic took on their abilities and their learning for quite some time, but this summer program will provide a valuable way for them to start catching up on what they missed and to spend productive time with friends as they engage in creative learning opportunities.”

"After an incredibly difficult school year, I am thrilled that City Hall, the Department of Education and the Department of Youth & Community Development are teaming up for

**Summer Rising. Our kids deserve holistic, engaging and fun summer experiences that also help them prepare for what will hopefully be a much more typical academic year—and that’s exactly what Summer Rising seeks to provide. North Brooklyn families will really benefit from this opportunity,” said Assembly Member Emily Gallagher.**

**"I applaud the DYCD and the NYCDOE for creating the *Summer Rising* program. *Summer Rising* will address the academic, social, emotional and cultural needs of NYC school students after the disruptiveness of our battle with COVID-19. With the help of community-based organizations, *Summer Rising* will prepare our students for success in the upcoming academic year," said Assembly Member David Weprin.**

**“Successful implementation of the community schools strategy has showed us what is possible when schools and Community Based Organizations partner together in meaningful ways,” said Christopher Caruso, Senior Executive Director for the DOE’s Office of Community Schools. “Summer Rising will capitalize on this strategy at unprecedented scale and is a great step forward for our City’s children and families as we recover from the pandemic.”**



Hello Families,

I hope all is well with you and your family. We are living in difficult times. We are still in a pandemic and life is so different now. We are facing many types of issues whether it's food insecurity, unemployment, health concerns and so much more. I want you to know that you are not alone. I put together various resources, enrichment opportunities from our Mayor, and more to help you and your family. If you need any assistance please reach out to me at [mpink@thewcs.org](mailto:mpink@thewcs.org).

Remember families to attend all school meetings. **Our upcoming PLC Meeting will take place on April 29th, 2021 at 6pm.** I encourage all families to attend and bring a family member or a friend. Stay tuned for emails and flyers with the login information. Also, the PLC has open positions for Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator & Parent Volunteers. We need more Parent Involvement at WCHS. Email me at [mpink@thewcs.org](mailto:mpink@thewcs.org) for further details. Remember to visit our social media pages for updates as well. Be well & Stay Safe.

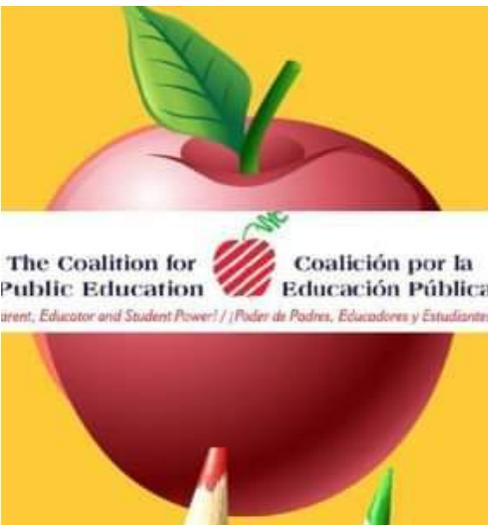
Warm Regards,  
Ms. Pink

# IMMIGRANT HERITAGE WEEK 2021



# IMMIGRANTS ARE ESSENTIAL

**NYC**  
Mayor's Office of  
Immigrant Affairs



The Coalition for  
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CPE PRESENTS

# PARENTS TAKING THE LEAD WORKSHOP SERIES VII

- 1) STANDARDIZED HIGH STAKES TESTING (OPTING OUT)
- 2) ENDING MAYORAL CONTROL
- 3) STRESS & TRAUMA
- 4) TALKING ABOUT THE MYTHS OF OUR BLACK & LATINO BOYS



## Every Monday on Zoom

Monday, April 12, 2021

Monday, April 19, 2021

Monday, April 26, 2021

Monday, May 3, 2021

from 7:00 - 8:30pm

Meeting ID# 868 654 4221

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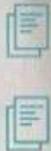
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Get Through This Together "

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**MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00AM TO 4:00PM**

**APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY**

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COVID 19 GUIDELINE



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in public spaces

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**859 HENDRIX ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11207**  
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from other people

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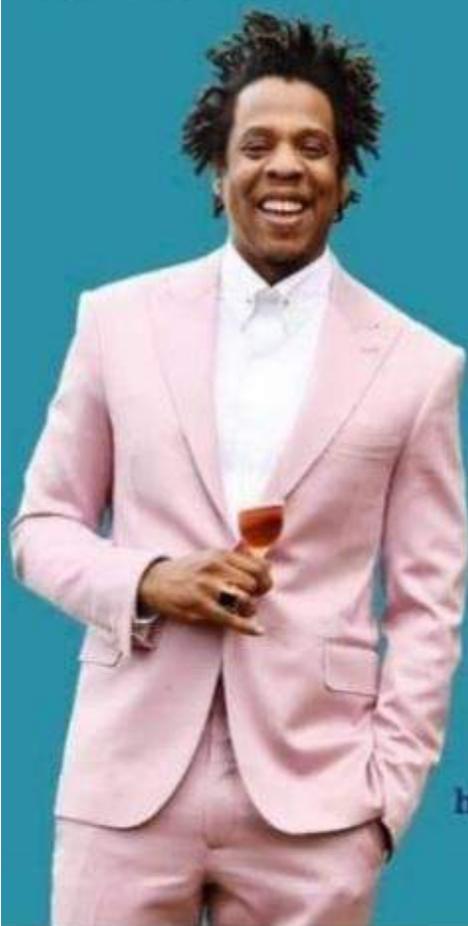
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# Shawn Carter Foundation Scholarship Fund

Due Date:  
April 30, 2021



## Eligibility Requirements:

- High school seniors
- Students with GED diplomas
- Students enrolled in 2-year or 4-year undergraduate programs
- Students enrolled in vocational or trade schools
- **US citizen** or Permanent Resident
- 25 years old or younger
- Minimum **2.0 GPA**
- Household income not exceeding \$75,000 USD

Apply At:

<https://www.shawncartersf.com/scholarship-fund/>

# MOBILE PANTRY

Food Bank will be distributing fresh produce and shelf stable food at the sites below.

## Brooklyn – Coney Island

Saturday, April 10,  
2945 West 33rd St.  
1 PM - 3 PM

## Queens – Far Rockaway

Wednesday, April 14  
15-44 Hassock St.  
12 PM - 2 PM

## Queens – Cambria Heights

Saturday, April 17  
227-11 Linden Blvd.  
12 PM - 2 PM

## Manhattan – East Harlem

Saturday, April 17  
1589 Madison Ave.  
1 PM - 3 PM

## Brooklyn – Bedford -Stuyvesant

Saturday, April 24  
195 Sanford St.  
10 AM - 12 PM

## Bronx – Morris Heights

Saturday, April 24  
1865 Morris Ave  
12 PM - 2 PM



[foodbanknyc.org/get-help](http://foodbanknyc.org/get-help)



# Affordable Rent in Brooklyn

Includes gas & electric



**Woodhull Residences**  
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This neighborhood has well-lit streets, grocery stores, and transportation nearby. This building provides 24-hour security and security cameras. You'll value the neighborhood amenities surrounding Woodhull Residences.

Please contact Comunilife, Inc. at 212-219-1618, ext. 6172 or visit the building if you are interested in renting a studio unit. Section 8 welcome.





## Free HSE Classes:

Get your High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma!

**ONLINE** instruction for Spring 2021

- Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm through Zoom.
- Our spring cycle runs from April 19 – June 24, 2021.
- Assignments and HW will be posted online.
- To participate you will need to have a laptop, desktop, tablet, or smartphone with reliable internet.
- Support services and case management are available to help you in the program.

## Information Session and Assessment

If you are interested in enrolling in our HSE Program, come to a ZOOM Information Session and Assessment on:

**Thursday April 15, 2021**

**12 pm – 2 pm (2 hours)**



Join Zoom meeting:

<https://bmcc-cuny.zoom.us/j/83122114533>

Meeting ID: 831 2211 4533

*Please be on time! If you are more than 10 minutes late we will not be able to let you in.*

**Please come prepared to do an online math and writing assessment.**



# FREE BIKE SWAP FOR KIDS

(For children 5 feet tall and under)

It's time to ride! Bring in the bike your child has outgrown, choose one that fits, and get a free NYC DOT Vision Zero helmet

Bikes will be sized and must fit the child. Parents/guardians must attend and sign a waiver

This is an event for kids, so we do not repair adult bikes

Swapping is on first come, first serve basis

At 2:30pm, we will donate remaining bikes to families without bikes (typically 12" & 16" smaller bikes)



Date: **Saturday, April 17, 2021** (Rain date = Saturday, April 24)

Time: 12 Noon - 3pm

Location: Sure We Can, 219 McKibbin St., Bushwick Brooklyn

For weather cancellation, check SureWeCanNYC on Facebook or call 347-463-9257 at 9am on day of the event

Event produced by:



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# **Immigration Q & A**

**THURSDAY APRIL 22, 11 AM – 3 PM**



Our attorneys and paralegals will meet privately to answer your questions about TPS, DACA and President Biden's immigration proposal.

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**Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM**



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# Summer Youth Employment Program 2021

**APPLICATION INFORMATION COMING SOON!**

VISIT [nyc.gov/SYEP](https://nyc.gov/SYEP)

    
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### OUR NEXT MEETING

Please join us on **April 21st, 2021 at 6 pm** as we welcome Yomika S Bennett, Executive Director of the New York Charter Schools Association!



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Charter Schools  
Association



#### WHAT YOU'LL GAIN:

##### CONNECTIONS

Build relationships with other charter parents

##### INFORMATION

Stay up to date on the charter sector

##### TOOLS

Gather the tools and information necessary to advocate for your child

##### INFLUENCE

Use the power of your voice to change the landscape of New York's education sector

#### JOIN THE MEETING

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Participe del primer consejo educativo liderado por padres que se realiza en Nueva York



## NEW YORK STATE CHARTER PARENT COUNCIL

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### NUESTRA REUNIÓN

Acompáñenos **21 de abril de 2021** a las 6 P.M. mientras escuchamos a Yomika S Bennett, Directora Ejecutiva de la New York Charter Schools Association!



CUÁLES SERÁN SUS BENEFICIOS:

#### CONEXIONES

Forje relaciones con otros padres de las escuelas chárter

#### INFORMACIÓN

Manténgase informado sobre el sector de las escuelas chárter

#### HERRAMIENTAS

Obtenga las herramientas y la información necesarias para ayudar a su hijo

#### INFLUENCIA

Utilice el poder de su opinión para cambiar el panorama del sector educativo de Nueva York

#### PARTICIPE DE LA REUNIÓN

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# **Always take them with you!**

**COVID-19 is still here.  
Keep wearing your  
face covering.**

