

# Backlash on Monte scalpel

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Statewide healthcare stakeholders are taking a scalpel to a new provision in New York's budget that will force towering new Bronx facilities to first answer to the community in a series of forums.

The new law - engineered by Senator Jeff Klein and supported by Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz to stop a mega medical facility in Riverdale - requires any hospital-affiliated outpatient facility planned for the Bronx, over three stories tall, or greater than 30,000 square feet in size, to go through a lengthy community forum process, before the state Department of Health ultimately rules if it fits a neighborhood's needs.

The provision has stopped a proposed 11-story Montefiore Medical Center slated for a residential stretch of Riverdale in its tracks - but New York's healthcare powers are concerned over the larger effects of the law.

The state's largest healthcare workers union and two separate hospital associations boasting hundreds of members have issued statements denouncing the law for bogging their potential plans for new facilities in "unnecessary" red tape.

"We are deeply concerned by the New York State budget provision that creates complicated, costly, and unnecessary requirements for the establishment of hospital-affiliated outpatient facilities in the Bronx," wrote George Gresham, president of 1199

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Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## Bonnet Beauty At St. Ray's

St. Raymond's Elementary school student Christian Jones models her dazzling bonnet at the school's early Easter celebration. For more photos of pre-Easter events at local schools, see page 7.

# LEHMAN TIGHTENS SECURITY

## School remains silent on slashing

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Mum's the word at Lehman High School.

Weeks after a student at Lehman High School was slashed by another student with a straight razor, the school is remaining silent about the security situation.

Principal Rose LoBianco directed all questions to the Department of Education, which did not respond to an inquiry.

The administration has also been quiet about the March 17 in-

cident within the school community as well.

Lehman student Joshua Capo said neither teachers nor administration told him or other students about the incident, learning about it only through news reports.

Parent Association Elvin Flores said that while the school did not send out any notice to parents after the incident, the school has been addressing parents concerns individually and at a PA

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## School Chancellor at CEC 11 Town Hall

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

New Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña hit the borough running, pushing her agenda at a northeast Bronx community education council Town Hall meeting.

Fariña gave a crowd of about 100 parents and officials at Community Education Council 11's meeting her list of priorities, including pushing the Common Core educational standards and implementing "cutting edge" innovations.

She responded to audience

concerns about school overcrowding, the availability of vocational training and parent involvement.

Fariña also said she is committed to addressing community concerns in the district, which covers the entire northeast Bronx.

"Number one, I believe we need to bring back respect and dignity to the educational profession," she told the audience of parents, teachers, students and administrators, as well as City Councilmember Andy King and State Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson at The Evander Childs Campus in

Williamsbridge.

Fariña mentioned a plan to pair up schools so administrators and teachers can learn from other talented educators, rather than bringing in outside consultants.

"Number two," she said, "I want to say right up front I believe in the Common Core," although she admitted its implementation and teacher preparation has been flawed.

Her third priority will be parent engagement, she said, noting that she's creating training pro-

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Department of Education Chancellor Carmen Fariña fields questions at a town hall in Williamsbridge Tuesday, April 8. Photo by Jaime Williams

# Vacca fumes over bag tax bill

## Council bill would charge 10 cents per plastic bag

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO  
Bag it!

East Bronx Councilman Jimmy Vacca wants to sack environmentally-targeted legislation proposed in the City Council that would limit the use of plastic bags by putting a 10 cent tax on each bag.

I think that the whole plan is nothing but another hidden tax.

**Jimmy Vacca**  
Councilman

Vacca said he is fielding complaints from constituents who are concerned about the extra cost for every trip they make to a su-

permarket, deli, fruit market or drug store.

"I think that the whole plan is nothing but another hidden tax, a way to take money from people, many of whom can least afford it," he said. "That 10 cents can add up, and sometimes the bags are so cheap that they have to double bag. This just hits consumers where it hurts."

Brooklyn Councilman Mark Lander and Manhattan Councilwoman Margaret Chin introduced the proposed legislation on Wednesday, March 26.

### Wrong way to go

While Vacca said it would be desirable to limit the use of plastic bags, he feels their particular legislation is the wrong way to go, and will help propose an alternate plan.

It hits vulnerable groups, he noted, like senior citizens who may be living on



Rose Ciminera loads groceries into her trunk at Foodtown on Crosby Avenue in Waterbury-LaSalle. The bags she is holding could cost 10 cents each if a new proposal becomes law. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

fixed incomes.

Country Club resident Joseph Coco said that he believes that the proposal will give city residents who live close to suburban counties another reason to leave the

city and shop elsewhere, leading to a decline in tax receipts.

### Bad for business

"We are already scaring people away by having them pay 25 cents for

15 minutes for meters, and having them be concerned about getting a ticket," said Coco. "Now you are going to tax their bags and it is going to wind up making it worse for the busi-

nesses."

Fellow Country Club resident Victor DiPierro felt bad for people on fixed incomes and those on tight budgets.

"Think of all of the seniors who go shopping - they are paying top dollar now for milk, bread, and other necessities, and now they have to pay 10 cents for a plastic bag to bring it home in," he said. "Where do you draw the line?"

According to Vacca, he fully understands that plastic bags are not good for the environment, but will look into creating alternative legislation to encourage recycling and reuse without this 10 cent charge.

But, Vacca wondered what will be taxed next.

"What's next, the air we breathe?" he said. "Maybe we should not inhale too deeply."



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# Lehman H.S. tightens security

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meeting.

"Parents are understanding that it's an isolated incident," said Flores.

Flores said that since the incident the school has tightened security. He said he sees more officers outside the building and he's noticed that they are being more diligent with screening for metal.

"They really check if you have anything at all on you," Capo said.

Jonathan Goldman, a student at the co-located Renaissance High School for Musical Theater and Technology, said he hadn't heard of the incident at all, but he has noticed that school security has recently begun having students remove their boots for inspection.

Other students said

they haven't noticed any changes.

"It's pretty much the same thing," said Renaissance student Diandra Perez.

Flores said it was still unclear how a student managed to bring the straight razor into the school past metal detectors, and that the NYPD is handling the investigation.

"There are some theories," said a police source. "It's possible they may have secreted it outside near an exit door and retrieved it from there."

The source said that all the metal detectors were tested after the incident and were found to be working properly.

They described the number of reported incidents at the large high school campus as "tiny since the start

of the year."

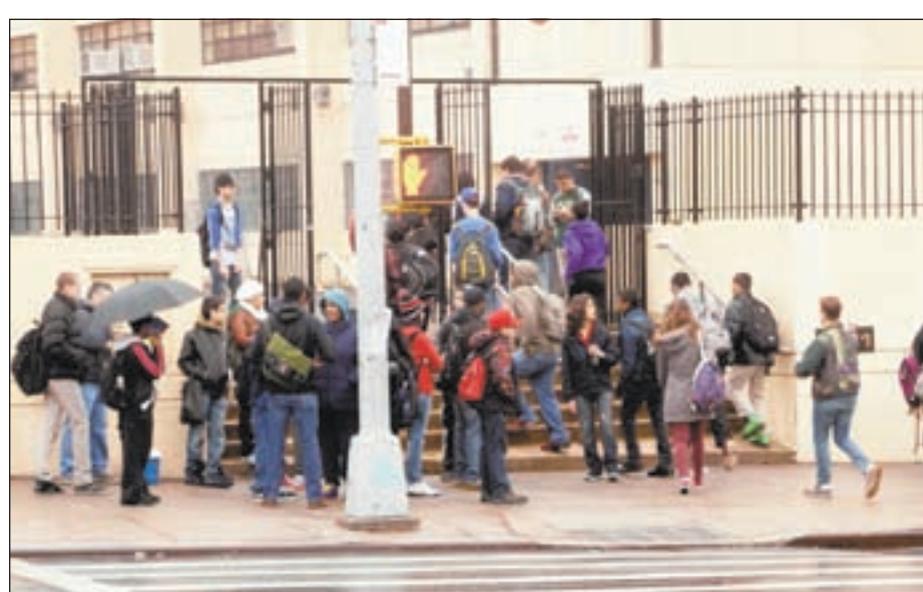
Flores said the incident was out of the ordinary for Lehman and could have happened anywhere. He's frustrated that the incident is hurting the reputation of the school, where he feels his son has gotten a great education.

"We can't put down a staff and students who work hard because one kid was irresponsible," he said.

Flores said he believes the school has handled the situation correctly.

The student with the razor was charged with assault and was permanently suspended from the school.

Stephuan Powell, who was slashed under the chin, requiring 20 stitches, was charged with disorderly conduct and transferred from the school, as is a stan-



Students enter Lehman High School in Westchester Square, where a student was slashed with a straight razor in March despite metal detectors and security guards. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

dard Board of Education safety procedure.

Powell and his mother Latoya Santiago, are suing the Department of Educa-

tion and the NYPD for \$5.5 million in damages and to have the disorderly conduct charge dropped.

Their lawyer, Sanford

Rubenstein, said the case is based on negligence in security procedures and negligence in the supervision of students.

## Backlash on Montefiore's scalpel

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SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, and Kenneth E. Raske, president, Greater New York Hospital Association.

"We are equally concerned that it applies only to health care facilities, and only to the Bronx," the pair added.

The Healthcare Association of New York State —another group of state health advocates — joined in the chorus with its own statement that claimed that the new law could endanger Bronxites' access to care.

"New York's regulatory process is already unduly cumbersome, outdated and un-level across the types of providers, and needs major revamping in the opposite direction," wrote Melissa

Mansfield, the organization's manager of media and public relations.

"This new provision adds more layers, costs, and complications when trying to provide hospital-affiliated outpatient health care in our communities and could mean residents of the Bronx would not have access to much needed outpatient medical care," she added.

Klein defended his law, saying that it will better communities in the long run by letting them have a larger say in how the facilities are approved.

The proposed Montefiore site — reviled by Riverdale locals who said it would bring unwanted traffic congestion and ruin the nabe's

character — would have been able to build "as of right," within the existing zoning and without any formal community input, he said.

"This law gives our community a real voice in the approval process for major health care developments," Klein said in a statement. "With the 11-story proposed Montefiore project in Riverdale, we've seen how a project's backers can try to impose their will on to the people without heeding any of their legitimate concerns about the project's size, scale, location, traffic and parking.

"Moving forward," he added, "I think we now have a fairer and stronger process that brings all of the stakeholders to the table."



A preliminary design of the 11-story proposed Montefiore site in Riverdale that Albany measure forces back to drawing board. Hospital brass say they already had been working on a scaled-down plan.

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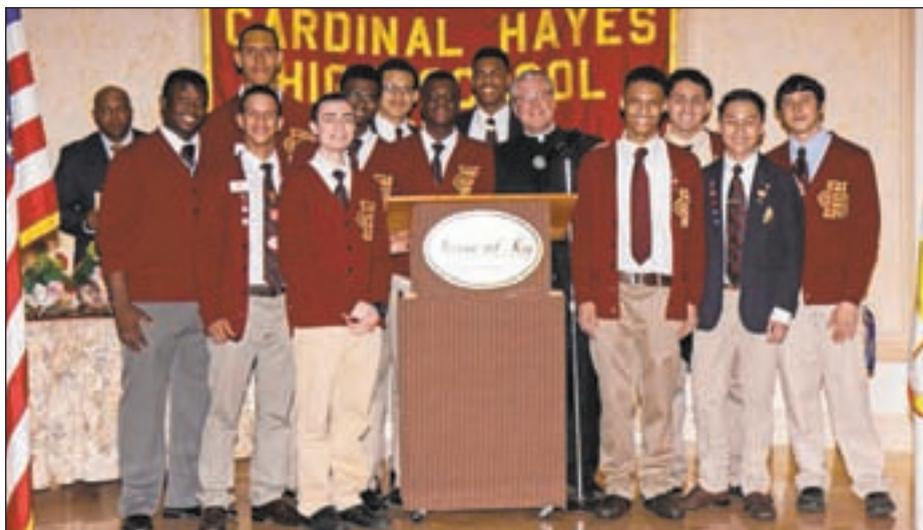
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The Throggs Neck Merchants Association welcomed Donald Trump's real estate firm into the merchants association at the new Trump golf course at Ferry Point Park on Friday March 28. Sharing a moment are The Trump Organization's Joe Roediger (c) with the TN-BA's president (l) and Bobby Flowers of Anthony's Flower Farm.



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## CARDINAL HAYES HALL OF FAME



Cardinals Hayes High School has a new crop of Hall of Famers. This year's athletes were honored at a ceremony at Marina del Ray on Mar. 22. The "Hayesman of the Year" was Bronxite and TV host Regis Philbin.

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## CITY ISLAND WOMEN'S HER-STORY



Women on City Island celebrated their annual Herstory month on Sunday, March 23 at the City Island Community Center. The celebration featured speakers and group discussion about women's history.

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## MERCY COLLEGE AWARD CEREMONY



Mercy College hosted its Leadership Awards on March 20 at Marina del Rey in Throggs Neck. Honorees were John Calvelli, The Farenga Family (pictured), and Dr. Simeon Schwartz.

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## GAELIC FOOTBALL PLAQUE DEDICATED

Family and friends gathered in Gaelic Park Saturday, April 5 to unveil memorial plaque to Billy Feighery, who died at age 16 as a result of a head injury sustained while playing Gaelic football in the Kingsbridge park more than 60 years ago.

Photo by Edwin Soto





East Bronx Catholic schools got into the spirit of the Easter season a little early with bright, colorful celebrations of the most important holiday in the Christian religious calendar.



At St. Raymond Elementary School in Parkchester, the school held a parade and Easter Egg Extravaganza on Tuesday, April 15. Enjoying St. Ray's celebration are (l-r) Ashante Diaz, Tyasia Laws, Christian Jones.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Emily Batista looks festive during St. Ray's celebrations.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



St. Raymond's Elementary student Carmelo Ayala's Easter hat is almost as tall as he is - maybe more.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Filippo Ferron looks like one cool cat as he gets his face painted at the St. Francis celebration.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



St. Francis Xavier School in Morris Park held a school Bunny Brunch on Friday, April 4. (Above) Gabriella Fava enjoyed drawing during the St. Francis Easter Celebration.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Gariella Fava enjoys pizza after an Easter egg hunt and other fun activities at St. Francis Xavier.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

# Mayoral brawl over tax break

## Condo owners to 'blindsided' de Blasio: 'Get over it!'

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Bronx condo owners to Mayor de Blasio: get over it.

That's the message after the mayor called a recent specific legislative tax break for owners at a Soundview condominium a bad precedent.

Blasio said at a press conference that he was blindsided after learning that 204 homeowners in Sections Three and Four of the Harbour Pointe at Shorehaven development in Soundview would now be included in the state's 421-a tax abatement program for homeowners.

The condo owners say that they were told they were going to be getting the abatements when they purchased their homes, but a foul up prompted many to miss out on the tax breaks for working class homeown-

ers.

Legislation championed by Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Marcos Crespo to specifically help the condo owners was included in the \$138 billion state budget.

### A brouhaha

According to a published report, the mayor said he felt that using the legislative process set a bad precedent. Another article quoted a Bloomberg administration official who said something similar in 2013.

Crespo said the legislation was necessary to bring these homeowners to parity with most of their complex neighbors who have been receiving the abatements for years.

"This is a very different situation...this wasn't going to bene-

fit the developer," said Crespo. "The developer sold their property and don't have any skin in the game in regard to this getting approved or not."

"By extending the 421-a plan to all of the homeowners at Harbour Pointe, we were correcting an injustice," said Klein. "People purchased these units with the understanding that they were covered under the program, only to find out that they weren't eligible. Consequently, many of these homeowners faced profound financial hardship."

### Grateful homeowners

Alba Hernandez, who will now receive the tax abatement, said that while the mayor may have been blindsided, so was she, thinking she

would receive the abatement when she first purchased her condo.

Richard Tyrell, a condo owner since 2009 who will now get the abatement, said he and his attorney were told at the condo closing that they would receive the abatement "shortly."

"The bottom line is that we would not have bought that home if no abatement was offered," he said, "because 99% of the people in there are working class people like myself."

Responding to the "sweetheart deal" accusation, condo owner Andy Torres said the abatement will make it "much more feasible for me to afford to stay in the Bronx."

The mayors office, as of press time, did not respond to a written request for comment.



(Right) All homeowners at Harbour Pointe in Shore Haven Condominiums will now be included in the state's tax abatement program. But concerns were raised about using the legislative process to extend the breaks to all homeowners in the complex.

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# New ER for Lincoln Hospital

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Bring on the patients.

The fifth busiest hospital emergency department in the nation now has a brand new look.

Officials and local leaders cut the ribbon Friday, April 4 on the new and improved Emergency Department at Lincoln Medical Center.

The \$24 million expansion and renovation included adult, pediatric and psychiatric emergency areas with the aim of improving patient flow and comfort.

The hospital, run by city Health and Hospitals Corporation, sits in the heart of the South Bronx on 149th Street, with its Emergency Department dealing with more than 177,000 visits every year.

“Lincoln Medical Center is the 5th busiest emergency department in the nation and the busiest single site emergency department

in our region” said Denise Soares, senior vice president of Northern Manhattan Health Network. “We are working hard to bring a new level of health care services to the Bronx community.”

Soares noted that Lincoln has the highest rates of ED visits, hospitalizations, and mortality due to asthma in New York State, in addition to high rates of diabetes and heart disease.

The renovated Emergency Department includes new asthma treatment rooms.

Dr. Fernando Jara, Lincoln’s chair of Emergency Medicine, said that each year more than 15,000 visits to Lincoln’s ED result in hospital admission, and about 2,000 of those patients are admitted directly to the hospital’s Intensive Care Units. Improvements include four dedicated trauma bays.



Louis Ighaut, associate executive director of facilities at Lincoln Medical Center (left) and Milton Nunez, executive director, show off city hospital’s new Emergency Department at the ribbon cutting on Friday, April 4.

Photo by Edwin Soto

“The enhanced space equips our dedicated team of health care professionals with the tools necessary to quickly identify life threatening situations and initiate immediate care,”

said Jara.

Also upgraded are the centralized nursing stations with direct views of patient rooms to better monitor them. The stations are also equipped with

more computers to reduce nurses’ waiting time to process patient information.

The renovation and expansion has been in progress for several years.

“Closing down even

part of the existing ED was out of the question,” said Stalco Construction Project Manager Keith Ward. “Work took part in three phases to ensure the emergency department, which operates 24/7/365, remained open and able to take in patients as usual.”

The completion of the adult ED area is the final phase of the expansion project and will be available to patients by mid-May, according to a hospital statement.

“This milestone is a great step forward in growing HHC Lincoln Medical Center as a state-of-the-art facility,” said Milton Nunez, Lincoln’s executive director.

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## MAYOR THOMPSON?

State Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson tells us she's officially running for mayor of Mount Vernon.

Thompson, whose 36th S.D. spans the northeast Bronx and Mount Vernon, was City Council president there for two terms before her election to the state senate in 2000, and she still lives there.

And come what may, she told us this will also be her last run for senate.

The mayoral run will come in 2015 and if Thompson is reelected this November to her Senate seat, she could still hold on to it while running for mayor of the Westchester city of 68,000 souls.

We first reported last May that Ruth had formed an exploratory committee to weigh a run. Now, after exploring the territory,

and talking with current Mayor Ernie Davis, she's ready to go for it.

Davis has said this will be his last term, and even if he changes his mind, Ruth said "that if I get deeply committed, I will run regardless. I just think there are some things that the city needs more than bricks and mortar. I think I have something different to offer."

She expects up to five City Councilmembers, as few as three, running for the seat, "but my reality has always been that I came to do a job, and I think I've done a decent job both for Mount Vernon and for the Bronx.

Thompson expects to face no serious challenges for her senate seat, though if she DOES win the mayor's job, expect a big scramble for her vacated seat.

The 71-year-old seven-term legislator said she is proud of her record in Albany, having been prime sponsor on a number of successful pieces of legislation, but she is ready for one last term - lest it be interrupted with a mayoral win.

"I've been making this exit plan for a couple of years, and I knew the date that I wanted to leave, just predicated on the things that I wanted to complete."

She lamented how Albany is changing - "not necessarily for the better" - as she cited ethics issues and the legislature's power "being usurped by the governor."

## RANGELING

Add New York's two senators, **Chuck Schumer** and **Kristen Gillibrand** to east Bronx/Queens Rep. **Joe Crowley's** recent endorsement

of Harlem Congressman **Charlie Rangel**.

The 83-year-old Rangel is scrambling to hang on to his seat, with 20% of his district in a western slice of the Bronx.

Meanwhile, as we recently noted, Boro Prez **Ruben Diaz Jr.** is supporting north Manhattan state Senator **Adriano Espaillat**, who lost to Charlie by a thousand votes last go-round.

As for Bronx Dem Boss **Carl Heastie**, we hear some quarters are pushing for him to get off the throne and decide now who the party will back, rather than be late and lame out of the gate.

One party loyalist said County could be "could be waiting 'til the end of petitioning" to see who brings in the most signatures, "Or maybe they'll just even their bets by giving some 'lame' support to

whoever."

That being said, Rangel's campaign just filed 20,066 petition signatures with the Board of Elections, while the required minimum to get on the ballot is 1,250 signatures. Espaillat came in second with 8,376 signatures, with Waldron bringing up the rear with 6,100.

## PARTY PAH-TEE!

The Bronx Democratic Party is looking for some new members, doing some off-line social networking. It's throwing a get-together from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 17 at Beso Lounge at 320 E. 204th St. Light appetizers and discounted beverages. Info at 718-679-9000 or email [ibravo@bronxdems.org](mailto:ibravo@bronxdems.org).

## COP CORNER

Musical precincts. New Police Commissioner **Bill Bratton** moving some precinct commanders into, out of and around

the borough:

•Newly promoted Deputy Inspector **Brian Mullen** swings over from the 47th Precinct in Williamsbridge-Wakefield to the 44th Precinct in Highbridge-Concourse, with Deputy Inspector **Ruel Stephenson** coming in from north Manhattan's 30th Precinct to take over the 4-7.

•DI **Christopher McCormack** moved from Mott Haven's 40th Precinct to the 46th in Morris Heights, with current C.O., DI **John Hart**, taking over the Midtown North Precinct.

Welcome: To Lt. **Catherine Mylott**, new detective squad boss at the 4-5 Precinct in Throggs Neck, swung in from Manhattan detectives.

## BRONX BIRTHDAYS

April 14 - Cable TV BronxTalk host **Gary Axelbank**.

## School Chancellor at CEC 11 Town Hall

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grams for parent coordinators at schools to improve parent-school partnerships.

Fariña's response to general audience questions about Common Core, test prep, and teacher evaluations was to "stay tuned."

Other's concerns were more specific, such as overcrowding at PS 19 in Woodlawn, which community member **Jeremy Skehan** said was designed for 340 but is housing 501 students. Fariña called the situation "a city-wide issue and is something that has to be looked at very seriously."

Fariña agreed with a parent who noted the need to bring back vocational and technical high schools, so students don't have to

pay expensive tuition for trade training. The Chancellor said that several such schools have already been opened across the city in the past two years and she sees them making a comeback. "Expect those to increase as we go forward," she said.

Fariña repeatedly stressed the importance of parental involvement, noting that the Department of Education hosts parent workshops throughout the city on topics such as "Understanding the Common Core," "Working with Special Education," and "College and Career Readiness."

She also drew laughs from the audience over her blunder of calling a contro-

versial snow storm while schools were kept open "a beautiful day," saying she'll probably put it on her tombstone.

CEC 11 President **Pamela Johnson** also encouraged parents to get involved, and to bring their future concerns to the CEC, which works with administrators to help shape educational priorities of district elementary and middle schools. The council is comprised of parents who are elected every two years.

CEC meetings are open to the public, and District 11 meets the second and third Tuesday of each month. For more information visit [www.Bronx-NewsSD11.org](http://www.Bronx-NewsSD11.org).

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