



# CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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April 5, 2023

Hon. Eric Adams  
Mayor of New York City  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10027

Dear Mayor Adams,

The Education, Youth and Libraries Committee of Manhattan Community Board 10 would like to encourage the full participation and implementation of Black History within the schools as it is mandated via HR. 1394, HR 6902, and is legislated in the State and City of New York.

In 2019 the New York State Commission on African American History was formed in order to provide the guidance to the implementation of Black History in the Schools, and a Education Equity Action Plan was provided \$10 million dollars in August of 2021. There were several non-profits and community organizations that were planned to receive money from the Action Plan such as;

The Eagle Academy Foundation – \$3.25M

United Way of New York City – \$3.4M

Black Education Research Collective, Teachers College, Columbia University – \$3.25

Association of Black Educators of New York, Inc. – \$50,000

Black Edfluencers-United – \$50,000

The \$10 million came from City Council Discretionary funds which is money allocated each year by members of the council to meet local needs as well as fill in gaps in citywide services. The information we have on these funds comes from what we see in the budget, if you have any questions on specifically the implementation of programming I would recommend reaching out to the listed non-profit organizations.

Deputy Superintendent of District five schools Dawn De Costa shared in a recent meeting that the pilot will be started in Harlem, and that black history has been implemented in some of the schools, but we would like to ensure that all of the schools are implementing this history.

At the Black Latino and Asian Caucus (in Albany) in speaking with Chancellor David Banks, he also shared that black history will be rolled out in a piloted program. We are really looking forward to this coming to fruition so that our young people are aware and inspired by what they can achieve as they learn about the leaders who paved the way for our people to have the freedoms we enjoy today as we keep fighting and striving for more freedom. To God be the glory.

On April 5 2023 the Manhattan Community Board 10's General Board voted to approve this letter by a count of 37 YES, 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN, 0 RECUSAL



Hon. Stephanie Palmer, Chairperson  
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52 Chambers Street  
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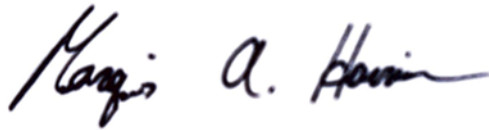
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