



January 10, 2020

Greetings –

This morning, along with the New York City Department of Education, [I announced that the DOE has launched a pilot program for the Shaywitz DyslexiaScreen at two schools in my district; PS 107 in Park Slope and PS 130 in Windsor Terrace.](#)



State Assemblymember Robert Carroll (D-Brooklyn) speaks during a 2018 news conference. *Photo: Screenshot/New York State Assembly*

“I’m very hopeful and cautiously optimistic that this goes very well at those two schools, so in the years to come it can expand to other schools and other boroughs. This should be at every school,” said Assemblymember Robert Carroll (D-Brooklyn), who has dyslexia and who had lobbied the DOE for more than a year to implement the screenings.

“There’s a long way to go from here...but this is a real, meaningful step,” he added.

I have been lobbying DOE to universally screen for dyslexia since I was elected in 2016 and after intensive negotiations since April 2018, the DOE has finally committed to this pilot program. As someone who is dyslexic and benefited greatly from early detection, which allowed my teachers and parents to take proper curriculum interventions - I know that early childhood screening of dyslexia will change the academic lives of countless children. This pilot program at PS 107 and PS 130 is a first, but meaningful step towards identifying all children who are

dyslexic in our public schools. Proper and universal identification of dyslexia will allow educators to take appropriate curriculum interventions which will invariably include multi-sensory sequential phonics. I applaud Chancellor Carranza and the NYC Department of Education for this courageous first step towards identifying all students with dyslexia by 2nd Grade. Additionally, I want to thank the Principals at both schools, Eve Litwack and Maria Nunziata, as well as the Parent Associations and all the dedicated advocates who helped make this possible.

I have introduced a number of pieces of legislation around this issue, but most recently I introduced [A8786-A](#), which would establish a legislative task force on dyslexia and develop guidelines for appropriate screening, intervention, and support for students with and at risk of dyslexia across New York State. It is sponsored in the Senate by State Senator Brad Hoylman. I will be working with him as well as my colleagues in the Assembly to pass that bill this legislative session so that all of our children will have the tools they need to become fluid and fluent readers.

Upcoming Community Meetings:

Community Board 14 Monthly Meeting

OHEL Children's & Family Services

1268 East 14th Street, 3rd Floor (between Avenue M & Locust Avenue)

Monday, January 13

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [CB 14](#) board meeting is typically scheduled on the second Monday of the month at different locations during the year.

78th Precinct Sector B NCO meeting, Park Slope area

Park Slope Library

431 6th Avenue (between 8th and 9th Streets)

Tuesday, January 14

7:00pm to 8:00pm

[Neighborhood Coordination Officers](#), or NCOs, are your local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the confines of their assigned sectors, actively engaging with local community

members and residents. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and its problems extremely well. PO Marzano and PO Baty, the NCOs for Sector B, will provide a neighborhood update and respond to questions and concerns from residents.

72nd Precinct Community Council

Marien-Heim Senior Center

4520 4th Avenue

Tuesday, January 14

7:30pm

Open to community members. The [72nd Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the second Tuesday of each month.

Community Board 7 Monthly Meeting

CB 7 Office

4201 4th Avenue, entrance on 43rd Street

Wednesday, January 15

6:30pm

Open to community members. The [CB 7](#) monthly meeting is typically scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month at the CB 7 office but location moves around occasionally.

66th Precinct Community Council

CB 12 Office

5910 13th Avenue

Thursday, January 16

7:00pm

Open to community members. The 66th [Precinct Community Council](#) meetings typically take place on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at CB 12's office.

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