

Dear Parents,

Most of us have moved to our neighborhood because we love the schools, our neighbors, our diverse community. We enjoy the quality of life.

However, in the past few years, even before COVID-19, our city has been under crisis on many fronts.

Personal safety is no longer assured. Crime has markedly increased as well as homelessness and food insecurity. Small businesses are rapidly shuttering. Religious freedom is under attack. Racial tensions are on the rise along with an uptick in anti-Semitism.

And for parents...our public schools are on an undeniable decline. High grades and hard work are no longer highly regarded. Shockingly, we are being told that there are “too many whites” and “too many Asians” in our top high schools where our children have worked hard to earn a spot - as if parents have done our children wrong by instilling these esteemed values. The Gifted and Talented program for our younger children was deemed as being rooted in “white supremacy” at a recent school board meeting. The Department of Education is obsessed with devising ways to move children from one end of the district to the other, rather than focusing on improving the quality of schools where needed as a way to conceal their abysmal academic record in underserved schools. Older children in middle and high schools are being denied in person instruction even though it was promised by the Mayor this school year, only to be abruptly recalled.

The mayor’s ultimate goal of using government mandated school policies as a means to force equal outcomes through redistribution instead of expanding equal opportunities for all children is harrowing. Indeed, it is exactly the reason that many of us that have immigrated to America to escape from – and it continues unchecked.

It is a bleak outlook.

However, there is a solution – the only solution – to this political crisis, and that is to vote. Only by voting can we reverse this. Only by voting can we purge our democracy of this cancer metastasizing through our society. Only by voting can we preserve vulnerable displaced cultures and traditions that contribute to the richness of our great city.

But, like most everything, it is hardly as straightforward as it should seem. In 2013, only 3% of NYC residents voted in the Democratic primary and elected the disaster we have been living through the past 8 years. If you are Independent or not registered with a political party, the most important action you can take is to register with a party before February 12 because registered Independents can't vote in June primaries and will be locked out of the most important voting opportunity in the city. About 70% of registered voters in New York City are registered Democrats – the outcome of the June primaries will all but assure who the next mayor will be. One only needs to be registered as a Democrat (or Republican) for their respective primary on June 22 in order to vote - and then free to vote for any candidate in the general election in November.

We are not suggesting anyone should change their ideology. We are asking everyone to take their civic duty to vote seriously - because elections have consequences.

Queens Parents United

給社區的一封公開信

關心孩子的父母和民衆：

我們大多數人移居到本區，是因為我們喜歡這裡的學校，鄰居，和多元化社區。我們享受這種生活質量。

但是，在過去的幾年中，甚至在新冠疫情之前，我們的城市就已經在許多方面陷入危機。

人身安全不再獲保證。犯罪，無家可歸和糧食匱乏現象明顯增加。小型企業正在迅速關閉。宗教自由受到攻擊。隨著反猶太主義的增高，種族緊張局勢正在加劇。

對於父母來說…我們的公立學校質量正在不可否認地下降。高學分和努力學習不再受到重視。令人震驚的是，我們被告知，我們的頂級高中充斥著太多努力學習的“白人”和“亞洲人”，向孩子灌輸這些崇高價值觀的父母反而是錯了。在最近的一次學校董事會會議上，針對年幼兒童的“天才資優”計劃被認為是植根於“白人至上”。教育部沉迷於設計將孩子從學區一端轉移到另一端的方法，而不是著重於提高急需的學校質量，以掩蓋他們在服務不足的學校中糟糕的學業成績。儘管市長本學年曾承諾，中學和高中的較大兒童一定會得到親自授課，但他仍然反悔食言。

市長的最終目標是利用政府規定的學校政策，通過重新分配來實現所謂的平等結果，而不是為所有兒童擴大平等的機會，這真令人痛苦。確實，這正是我們許多人逃避強制政策而移民到美國的原因，可惜這種反智情況一直沒有受到遏制。

前景就是如此黯淡。

然而，這場政治危機也有一個解決方案（唯一的解決方案），那就是投票。。只有通過投票，我們才能扭轉這一狀況。只有通過投票，我們才能由民主社會清除這種擴散的癌症。只有通過投票，我們才能保留這些令我們的城市偉大繁榮但又脆弱而流離失所的文化和傳統。

但是，就如很多事件一樣，本事件也並非直來直往般簡單。2013年，只有3%的紐約市居民在民主黨初選中投票，並選出過去8年來使我們受苦的災難官員。如果您是獨立人士或未在某個政黨中註冊，那麼您可以採取的最重要措施是在2月10日之前向某個政黨註冊，因為已註冊的獨立人士無法在6月初選中投票，並且將被排除在本市最重要的投票機會之外。紐約市約有70%的選民登記為民主黨人-6月初選的結果幾乎可以確保下一任市長的身份。您只需要在6月22日為其各自的初選中註冊為民主黨（或共和黨）即可投票 – 然後可以自由投票給11月大選中的任何候選人。

我們並沒建議任何人更改其意識形態。我們只要求每個人認真履行公民義務，因為選舉會產生嚴肅的後果。

皇后區家長聯盟