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**IDNYC, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, the Department of Education,
and Assemblymember Harris Mark a New IDNYC Pop-Up Enrollment Center at
Fort Hamilton High School**

NYC Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña enrolls for IDNYC at Fort Hamilton High School, encouraging eligible students to take advantage of new IDNYC enrollment process that make it easier for students to get the card.

NEW YORK – IDNYC, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA), the Department of Education, and Assemblymember Pamela Harris today celebrated the opening of a new IDNYC pop-up enrollment center at Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn.

Chancellor Carmen Fariña will also enroll for IDNYC, to support the program's growing youth enrollment initiatives. New Yorkers who are fourteen years or older have been able to enroll for IDNYC since the inception of the program. Now it's even easier for them to do so using the Department of Education's Student Verification Form to establish identity and residency.

IDNYC holds many benefits for its cardholders, particularly youth and families. Last week, IDNYC announced new athletics benefits for the card, including a free year of membership with the New York Road Runners and discounts at Modell's Sporting Goods and Barclay's Center events. IDNYC and DOE are also working on a series of initiatives to make sure that students and families enroll for IDNYC. The pop-up at Fort Hamilton will kick off a series of DOE pop-ups that will run at other DOE high schools through November 2016. The Fort Hamilton pop-up center is open from September 26 through October 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Center will be closed on October 3 and 4.

"We want all New York City families to know that it is now even easier for high school students to **get** an IDNYC," said **Chancellor Carmen Fariña**. "IDNYC is a real asset for New Yorkers and I encourage students to sign-up through the pop-up enrollment sites at high schools across the City and take advantage of the range of services the ID affords."

"IDNYC's benefits empower youth and their families to experience the best resources New York City has to offer," said **Commissioner Nisha Agarwal**. "When a high school student has access to a free IDNYC, they also have access to memberships at 40 cultural institutions and museums, including zoos, across the City. These efforts with the Department of Education are integral to ensuring that IDNYC will help expand the learning and opportunities for students across the city."

“Fort Hamilton High School is proud to be a pop-up site for IDNYC. The majority of our 4,600 students have signed up to get the card and there is excitement about all the card offers. Anything that’s good for our students is good for our school and community,” said Kaye Houlihan, Principal.

The launch of Fort Hamilton High School’s pop-up enrollment center closes an IDNYC Week of Action, which included a mobilization effort of nearly 500 volunteers across the city to share information and make appointments for New Yorkers who are interested in signing up for IDNYC. The IDNYC Week of Action, organized by the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, the Human Resources Administration, the Mayor’s Community Affairs Unit, and NYC Service, included:

- Thursday, September 22: Engagement and outreach with more than 50 immigrant-serving non-profits and community-based organizations.
- Friday, September 23: IDNYC Outreach Day in collaboration with over a dozen elected officials.
- Friday, September 23 – Sunday, September 25: A weekend of worship, in which congregations and faith-based communities across New York City will be introduced to IDNYC.
- Tuesday, September 27: Community outreach done in conjunction with cultural institutions and other benefits partners.

“I applaud the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Department of Education for opening of an IDNYC pop-up enrollment center at Fort Hamilton High School in Bay Ridge,” said **Assembly Member Pamela Harris**. “It is vital that our youth and their families, regardless of immigration status, are able to obtain a government-issued ID. IDNYC has continued to provide vital opportunities for New York City residents to access quality healthcare and health benefits as well as giving them access to a variety of city programs.”

“With this pop-up site, Bay Ridge area students and their families will have the opportunity to learn first-hand about the several services and benefits that IDNYC has to offer, among them – discounts at popular stores and events, access to a wealth of cultural institutions and much more,” said **Council Member Carlos Menchaca, Chair of the Immigration Committee**.

"This new pop-up enrollment center will make it easier for Fort Hamilton High School students to enroll in IDNYC," said **NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights, Elmhurst)**, lead sponsor of the legislation that created the identification card. "IDNYC is available to all New Yorkers 14 years of age or older regardless of homelessness, immigration status, or gender identity. The ID grants cardholders access to governmental buildings, offers a wide variety of museum and movie theater discounts, and much more. I urge all New Yorkers to apply for their card today."

“Today’s first IDNYC-DOE pop up event is a critical step towards getting more high school students to enroll in the IDNYC program -- a population that in many cases, has

no form of picture ID at all. I was thrilled to collaborate with the NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Department of Education team to make it easier to reach students where they are,” said **Council Member Brad Lander**. IDNYC has already linked hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers together, and has continued to grow – especially throughout this Week of Action. I love using my IDNYC, and I’m sure Chancellor Fariña and the students of Fort Hamilton High School will love using theirs too.”

Under the leadership of Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, as of September 21 2016, IDNYC has grown to include more than 900,000 unique cardholders. IDNYC benefits every city resident, including the most vulnerable communities – the homeless, youth, the elderly, undocumented immigrants, the formerly incarcerated, and others who may have difficulty obtaining other government-issued ID, which makes the outreach effort behind the IDNYC Day of Action integral to the values of the program. Learn more at www.nyc.gov/IDNYC.

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