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ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE DREAM OF A: **HARBOR** **MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Senator Montgomery is joined by Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon; Deputy Brooklyn Borough President Diana Reyna, Councilman Carlos Menchaca; Murray Fisher, President of the New York Harbor Foundation, Mary Muecke, Executive Director of External Affairs for SUNY Maritime; and special guest, Lorraine Grillo, President and CEO of the New York City School Construction Authority (SCA).

I have had the privilege of working with Murray Fisher, President of the New York Harbor Foundation and Urban Assembly New York Harbor School staff to help build a pipeline for Harbor School graduates into SUNY Maritime, one of the premier maritime institutions in the world. From this collaboration, the idea emerged to create a Harbor Middle School. For the past several years, I have been working with a wide range of stakeholders to create a feeder middle school in Red Hook or Sunset Park that would expand the Harbor pipeline to students all across Brooklyn.

This month, I reconvened the Harbor School Working Group for an update on the proposal for a Harbor Middle School. I am pleased to announce that after a year of evaluating potential sites, President Grillo and the School Construction Authority (SCA) have identified a site in Red Hook to be the permanent home for the Harbor Middle School. While negotiations continue, SCA hopes to begin the review process in the next two months.

The maritime industry is a source of exciting and well paying careers. New York City is surrounded by water and it is vital to maintain a working, industrial waterfront. I am committed to ensuring that all of our children have the opportunity to explore this fascinating career path. I look forward to continuing to engage stakeholders as this project moves forward.



Senator Montgomery & Councilman Menchaca heard from Harbor School graduates, Tanasia Swift & Hassan Barksdale

The Road So Far...

AUGUST 2012

Senator Montgomery visits SUNY Maritime as Harbor School students complete the first summer STEM Maritime Academy

APRIL 2013

Senator Montgomery & CSA sponsor a visit for principals, educators, parents and stakeholders to SUNY Maritime to learn more about career opportunities available to students



OCTOBER 2014

Senator Montgomery & stakeholders visit the Harbor School for the first time



DECEMBER 2014

Senator Montgomery meets with stakeholders at Red Hook Initiative to discuss potential sites in CB6 and CB7



APRIL 2015

Senator Montgomery organizes a second visit to Governor's Island for a Legislative Briefing with NYS Education Dept, NYC DOE, Principals, educators, community stakeholders & faculty



MARCH 2016

Senator Montgomery meets with Murray Fisher, Harbor School Principal Jeff Chetirko &

MAY 2016

First community stakeholders meeting with Lorraine Grillo, President of School Construction Authority

OCTOBER 2017

Follow-up community stakeholders meeting, President Grillo announces identification of a site for Harbor Middle School.