

Senator Adams Announces 3rd Annual Parent Empowerment Seminar

ERIC ADAMS August 19, 2009

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NYS SENATOR ERIC ADAMS WILL CONVENE HIS 3RD ANNUAL "CRADLE TO COLLEGE - PARENT EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR" ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009. SUPPORTED BY COMPTROLLER BILL THOMPSON, THE SEMINAR WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ASSIST FAMILIES WITH EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER YOUTH-RELATED ISSUES.

NYS Senator Eric Adams, recognizing the importance of the role entrusted to parents in the molding of children's lives, has created, organized, and scheduled a "Cradle to College – Parent Empowerment Seminar" to connect parents with the resources available to assist them. Comptroller Bill Thompson will be a major supporter of this year's event. Dozens of meetings will be chaired by content area specialists who will share their expertise on career choices, jobs, health, nutrition, financial literacy, public safety and education.

Senator Adams' statement: "Providing our families with the information they need to navigate and deal effectively with the educational, financial, vocational, and interpersonal systems in our city is fundamental to empowerment. The purpose of the seminar is to

furnish parents with information and support to enable them to build on their children's

strengths and avoid the frequent and challenging pitfalls encountered as children mature.

"Medgar Evers College will be the site of this annual event, which last year hosted almost

1,000 participants. Workshops will provide tools, information, and support, and many

community-based organizations will make their services available.

"Empowering our parents, and through them, our children is an essential component to

bridging the gaps in our society and enabling all families to make progress from one

generation to the next."

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2009

Time: 10am-4pm. Senator Adams will be available to the press at 11 am,

following his opening remarks.

Location: Medgar Evers College

1650 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Presiding: NYS Senator Eric Adams