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NEW DORP

New schools chancellor meets with students and parents



Newly appointed NYC Schools Chancellor Kamar H. Samuels, shown above, visited New Dorp High School on Tuesday as part of his citywide “Our Schools. Our Future” listening tour, meeting with students, parents, and staff to discuss safety, academic standards, integration, and family engagement. “Each and every one of you brings a unique perspective to this conversation, and it’s a perspective that I am deeply, deeply honored to hear,” Samuels told attendees, emphasizing his commitment to listening and learning from the communities his schools serve. For the story, see Page A4. *Luke Peteley, Staten Island Advance*

STATEN ISLAND

Turning Point USA gains foothold on Staten Island

The conservative organization is drawing interest from some high school and college students, while others are pushing back against its presence.

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A conservative movement focused on America’s youth has made its way to New York City’s reddest borough.

After the Advance/SILive.com reported in late January about a new Turning Point USA chapter at the College of Staten Island (CSI), the paper has gotten wind about

efforts to open several more around the Island.

St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School took to its Facebook page to promote one of its seniors setting up a chapter, and a Moore Catholic High School student posted a video to his Instagram page about his own efforts trying to bring the conservative organization to his school.

The Moore student’s Instagram has since been made private after the school declined to allow a Turning Point chapter in its halls.

Moore Catholic President Gina DeSantis responded to an Advance/SILive.com inquiry with a lengthy email saying that while the school encourages civic engagement, the private institution does not support political organizations or clubs of any kind.

“As a Catholic school, Moore Catholic

High School does not support or sponsor political organizations or clubs of any kind, as they do not align with our mission,” DeSantis wrote. “Moore offers a warm and supportive environment that inspires students’ interest, enthusiasm, and self-confidence as they pursue academic excellence, creative expression and spiritual growth.”

“While we value and encourage young people’s interest in civic engagement and responsible citizenship, our primary commitment is to form students through faith in action,” her email continued. “Our educational mission calls us to form disciples rooted in the Gospel, dedicated to service, and prepared to engage the world through the principles of Catholic social teaching.”

The Rev. Michael Reilly, St. Joseph **SEE TURNING POINT USA, A2**

NEW YORK CITY

Tisch unveils major reforms in ‘2026 State of the NYPD’

Police commissioner announces training upgrades, new technology initiatives and a program to disable and down rogue drones.

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Police Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch on Tuesday unveiled sweeping changes to department operations during her 2026 State of the NYPD address, building on a year that saw the fewest shooting incidents and victims in recorded history.

Among the most significant announcements was a major restructuring in the Bronx, which will be divided into two patrol borough commands for the first time.

The change, set to take effect in the spring, will bring nearly 200 additional officers to the Bronx and add to it specialized units, including homicide squad detectives, evidence collection teams, narcotics units, Neighborhood Safety Teams and auto crime units.

The Bronx currently operates under a single patrol borough command, while Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens each have two. Last year, the Bronx accounted for more than one-third of all shooting incidents and shooting victims citywide — roughly three times the total in Queens and three times the total in Manhattan.

The borough also recorded more major crimes than Manhattan and Queens and nearly as many as Brooklyn, while generating close to 1 million calls for service.

“Together, we have cleared away the rubble of crisis, and we say with renewed certainty that the state of the NYPD is strong,” Tisch said. She added that 2025 focused on keeping promises and exceeding expectations, a commitment she said would remain unchanged in 2026.

Department wide, the NYPD will launch what Tisch described as its most significant overhaul of in-service training **SEE NYPD, A2**

SOUTH SHORE

Offensive tweet

Republican Joe Borelli, a former South Shore city councilman, is facing fierce backlash after using a slur in a tweet on Super Bowl Sunday. **A3**

VANCOUVER

Canada in shock

Authorities said 8 people were killed at a school in British Columbia and 2 others killed at a nearby home in one of the country’s deadliest mass shootings. **A8**



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