



Press Release

L. Rickie Tulloch Announces His Plan to Improve Public Schools

BROOKLYN, N.Y. - L. Rickie Tulloch, a Democrat running for City Council in the Special Election in the 45th District, today unveiled his plan to address inequality in our public schools and create opportunities for all New York City students.

"Basing admission to our city's specialized high schools on the result of a single test is an outdated and unfair practice that we need to move away from. It's no secret that our public schools are not providing our students the resources they need to be competitive for the elite high schools, but more importantly for what they will do after graduation. As your next City Councilmember, I will work to expand Gifted and Talented programs in our schools so that all of our students have the opportunity to build on a strong foundation. If we want to address the segregation of our elite schools, we must take a holistic approach and improve our schools at every level so that all of our students have the tools they need to succeed," **said Tulloch.**

Expanding the presence of Gifted and Talented programs in public schools, especially in communities of color, will be one of Tulloch's top priorities. He will urge the City Council to work with the Department of Education to secure support and funding to establish these programs in elementary and middle schools throughout his district and use them as a model for other areas of the city.

"I also believe that we must broaden our curriculum to improve our students' financial literacy and better prepare them for their lives outside the classroom. By making financial literacy more accessible to students as young as middle school, we are giving them the skills and tools they need to understand their basic finances. As an accountant, I strongly believe that the more prepared our students are, the stronger their fiscal standing will be as adults," **said Tulloch.**

After graduating from our public schools, Tulloch received his Bachelors' degree in accounting and then his Masters' degree in economics from Brooklyn College. In order to implement the financial literacy change, he will work with the Committee on Education and the Department of

Education, in addition to partnering with community members, students, financial professional, and educators to get their input.

"If we want to see greater racial representation in our elite high schools, we need to work to strengthen all of our schools. As a City Councilmember, I will fight to ensure all of our students have the opportunity to succeed in school and in life," **concluded Tulloch.**

Tulloch arrived in Flatbush in 1976, immigrating with his family from Jamaica as a teenager. A proud product of our public schools, Rickie graduated from Erasmus High School and earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Brooklyn College. Over the last 40 years Rickie has dedicated himself to his community through his activism, advocacy, and public service. Tulloch is Senior Director at NYC Health and Hospital (Office of Facilities Development), is the Chairman of the Visionary Political Action Committee (VPAC), and was the Treasurer and Chair of the Land Use Committee of Community Board 17. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Flatbush Action Community Day Care Center, Board Member of the Erasmus Neighborhood Association, and President of the Ginger Ridge High School Past Students Association.

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