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**FYI AMONG YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS CHOSEN BY THE CITY
TO EXPAND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICES**

*Expansion will increase the number of middle schools
offering afterschool programs by 142 percent.*

New York, NY – Yesterday afternoon, NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio, joined by Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña and Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Commissioner Bill Chong announced the selection of the providers that will oversee expanded afterschool for middle school students beginning in September. FYI was one of 108 providers selected through a rigorous process and will implement a new afterschool program at Amistad Dual Language School (MS 311) in Inwood.

As a result of this initiative, the City reports that as of the Fall of 2014, middle school students will have access to afterschool programs in 562 schools, a 142 percent increase over the current 231.

“We are honored to have been one of the providers chosen to be a part of NYC’s expansion of programs as part of the DeBlasio administration’s commitment to ensure that youth in underserved communities have access to high quality afterschool programs. This comes at a time when Fresh Youth Initiatives concludes its twentieth anniversary. We’re so excited to serve more young people in Upper Manhattan as we step into our twenty-first year of service to the Washington Heights/Inwood community. We’ve enjoyed a long-time relationship with Amistad and this will be a natural extension of that partnership,” said FYI Executive Director Steve Ramos.

The full announcement can be found on the News page of [NYC.gov](http://nyc.gov).

About Fresh Youth Initiatives (FYI): Founded in 1993, FYI is a second home to more than 300 young people ages 10 -18 each year. Collectively, FYI youth provide more than 10,000 hours of service to the community and touch the lives of over 2,500 individuals annually. FYI complements its community service core with academic support, college preparation, arts and cultural enrichment activities, exposure to meaningful new experiences, and personal guidance from our staff.

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