



## The Reading Team Partners with PS36 to Expand Literacy Services in Harlem

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The Reading Team has opened a new School-Day Program for children in Harlem who are at high risk of reading failure. The program site, located on the campus of PS 36 at Amsterdam Avenue and West 122nd Street, is a partnership with the New York City Board of Education and marks the first time the Reading Team has replicated its early [literacy programs](#).

“We opened this second site in response to the virtually unlimited demand for our literacy support services in Harlem,” said Reading Team President Maureen Rover. “We have expanded our Preschool Program and After-[School Program](#) enrollments to near capacity at our main site in Teresa Towers on Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard.”

The School-Day Program at PS 36 is initially serving 300 four- to seven-year-old children in preschool through 1st grade. Forty kindergartners and 1st graders who take part in the School-Day Program are also attending the Reading Team’s After-School Program at PS 36 because of the learning difficulties they confront in their classrooms.

The After-School Program at PS 36 is expected to grow by about 15-20 children per year as the program expands upwards one grade per year, until the fall of 2016, when it will serve 100-125 children in grades K-5.

**“The incidence of reading failure in this community is unacceptable,” said Ms. Rover. “On average, only 30 percent of 3rd through 8th graders pass the New York State English Language Arts Exam each year. Yet 100 percent of Reading Team children pass—consistently and with distinction.**

**“Our programs work and we expect to reproduce our success at PS 36. We anticipate that PS 36 children in our programs will gain at least 60 percentiles in reading ability and will finish this first school year above the 80th percentile in reading ability. We further expect that the overwhelming majority of PS 36 children in our School-Day Program and After- School Program, beginning with our kindergarten cohort, will pass the New York State English Language Arts Exam when they take it in 3rd grade in 2016.”**

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