

8th Graders Present Speeches to the CEC about Racial Inequality in New York City Schools

On February 1st, several of our 8th grade students had the opportunity to share their speeches on “Racial Inequality in New York City Schools” with the Community Education Council (CEC) and members of the Yorkville East community.

Students researched the topic and formulated independent proposals. This work was written and revised during ELA class over a period of three weeks. Students were then placed in small groups with like-minded individuals to merge their ideas for the final product. All 8th graders presented their proposals to the class, with 14 students being chosen for the event on February 1st.

Some of the solutions included:

- Redistricting to create more diversity within schools
- Providing additional after-school opportunities for schools with particular challenges
- Securing additional funding for lower-income schools to provide equal opportunities

One member of the CEC was so impressed with our students’ speeches that she invited them to speak at an upcoming CEC meeting in April!

