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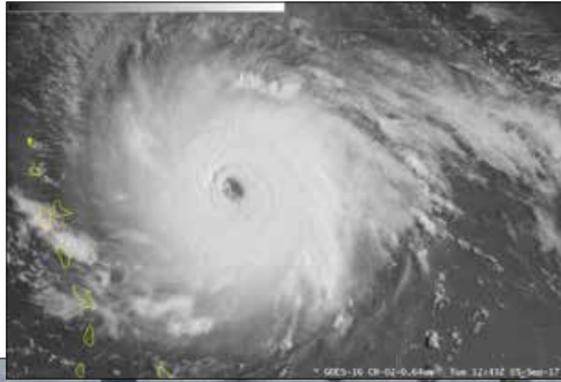
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Storms of Wind, Rain and Politics Impacting Dreams and Dreamers



September 5, 2017 - New York, New York, U.S. - DACA Protest in Foley Square with a march to block the Brooklyn Bridge. (Credit Image: © Bruce Cotler/Globe Photos via ZUMA Wire)



On DACA, President Obama Speaks up for American Dreamers

Immigration can be a controversial topic. We all want safe, secure borders and a dynamic economy, and people of goodwill can have legitimate disagreements about how to fix our immigration system so that everybody plays by the rules.

But that's not what the action that the White House took today is about. This is about young people who grew up in America – kids who study in our schools, young adults who are starting careers, patriots who pledge allegiance to our flag. These Dreamers are Americans in their hearts, in their minds, in every single way but one: on paper. They were brought to this country by their parents, sometimes even as infants. They may not know a country besides ours. They may not even know a language besides English. They often have no idea they're undocumented until they apply for a job, or college, or a driver's license.

Over the years, politicians of both parties have worked together to write legislation that would have told these young people – our young people – that if your parents brought you here as a child, if you've been here a certain number of years, and if you're willing to go to college or serve in our military, then you'll get a chance to stay and earn your citizenship. And for years while I was president, I asked Congress to send me such a bill.

That bill never came. And because it made no sense to expel talented, driven, patriotic young people from the only country they know solely because of the actions of their parents, my administration acted to lift the shadow of deportation from these young people, so that they could continue to contribute to our communities and our country. We did so based on the well-established legal principle of prosecutorial discretion, deployed by Democratic and Republican presidents alike, because our immigration enforcement agencies have limited resources, and it makes sense to focus those resources on those who come illegally to this country to do us harm. Deportations of criminals went up. Some 800,000 young people stepped forward, met rigorous requirements and went through background checks. And America grew stronger as a result.

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CONGRATULATIONS, PUBLIC SCHOOL 25 THE EUBIE BLAKE SCHOOL!

Congratulations! Congratulations! With the recent release of the New York State standardized exams we are proud to announce that P.S. 25 - The Eubie Blake School (787 Lafayette Avenue) has become a top school in District 16, BedStuy. The school made a whopping increase of twenty one percent (21%) in ELA and the same twenty one percent (21%) increase in Mathematics. Resulting in, **fifty percent (50%) of their students scoring on or above state expectations on the recently implemented Common Core English Language Arts Exam and fifty three percent (53%) of their students scoring on or above state expectations on the recently implemented Common Core Math exam. This year, this school out-performed the City, the State and the district in both ELA and Mathematics.**

Under the great and focused leadership of Principal, Anita M. Coley and Assistant Principal, Esther Wilson, P.S. 25 has shown ongoing growth in student performance over the last few years. The school provides a warm and welcoming

learning environment for their students. Students are encouraged to always strive for excellence and do their best. At any function in the school you will hear students and staff chanting their school's motto; "Yes We Can and Yes We Will!" With this great achievement, they can now say, "Yes We Did! And Yes We Will Continue to Excel!" Technology and the Arts are big on the school's agenda, which provide students with opportunities for success and prospects that they might not otherwise have, as they get ready for college and career. We say Kudos! And give a big shout-out to the leadership, teachers and staff of P.S. 25, The Eubie Blake School. They are indeed educators at heart. To the students we say, "Good Job! Good job! Keep aiming for the stars and beyond." To the parents and all the great community based organizations that partner with the school to support students' social, emotional and academic growth. Job well done! It takes a Village. The school has ongoing open enrollment. Parents are encouraged to register their children here.