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**MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL LEAGUE OPENS SEASON**

The New York City Middle School Baseball League (N.Y.C.M.S.B.L.) holds its Opening Day, Friday, April 8, 2011, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., at Riverbank State Park, on the banks of the Hudson River, at 679 Riverside Drive, in West Harlem, NY 10031. Mr. Kyle Bragg, Vice President of SEIU Local 32BJ and Vice Chairman of the League's Board of Directors will serve as master of ceremonies. The invocation will be offered by Rev. Anita Burson, the League Chaplain and a Board Member. Also expected are City Council Education Committee Chair Robert Jackson, Council Member Julissa Ferreras who represents I.S. 61 (Corona) reigning league champions the past three years, and NYC School and state and city parks officials.

"The not-for-profit New York City Middle School Baseball League provides organized baseball opportunities for more than 1000 public middle school students," stated Board Member Daneek Miller, President/ Business Agent of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1056. " Its mission is to teach public school students the importance of teamwork, strength and determination through participation in organized baseball."

"The New York City Middle School Baseball League in concert with our enterprise partners -US Congressman Ed Towns, the NYS Office of Parks and Historic Preservation York City Department of Education, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, the New York Metropolitans along with Major League Baseball and the Pinnacle Group Little League Corporation are proud to present baseball for New York City's public school children," stated Board of Directors Chair Richard Harley. "The League strives to continue its mission to empower the school children of New York to strive for and achieve excellence in life using the lessons offered through organized baseball. We teach the importance of academic improvement, teaching teamwork, diversity, physical strength and determination through participation in organized baseball the great American sport."

All teams are scheduled to participate in eight to ten league games. Queens participating Schools are I.S. 10, I.S. 61, I.S. 204, I.S. 235, M.S. 8, M.S. 72, M.S. 116, M.S. 127, M.S. 147, M.S. 192, M.S. 294 and the Rennaissance School. Brooklyn participating schools are Ditmas/I.S. 62, Environment, Excelsior, I.S. 155, I.S. 166, Mott Hall, M.S. 113 and P.S. 73. Games are posted on www.msblnyc.com. The league supplies a certified umpire for every game.

The N.Y.C.M.S.B.L. City-wide Championship & City-wide All-star games takes place Saturday, June 11th 2011, at Columbia University. For more information, view the the N.Y.C.M.S.B.L. website at http://www.msblnyc.com/.