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Mr. Melvin B. Alston:

I would like to express my appreciation for the job the Father's Forward Manhattan Coalition did in partnership with District 5 and the Administration for Children's Services on the District "Daddy Daughter Dance" held on February 25, 2017.

This event was attended by over 300 participants, made NY1 News, the Amsterdam News and is still being talked about today as a very positive event that brought fathers into the lives of their daughters and families in a meaningful way. Fathers presented their daughters with roses and a commitment on how they will always be there for them, protect and guide them through the upcoming years ahead and will support their educational goals in life. During this part of the program many families found this to be a tearful moment as you could see the sincerity in the eyes and feel the connection between both the dad and daughter during this aspect of the event.

The "Daddy Daughter Dance" also brought families together from other schools for a common purpose of getting fathers involved in the education of their child's life provide networking opportunities among all participants that attended, and served to bring a community together and have a good time in the process.

We are looking forward to any future events that will bring the community and families together in a meaningful way here in District 5.

Kudos to you and the partnership that made this wonderful event happen.

<http://amsterdamnews.com/news/2017/mar/02/manhattan-fathers-forward-coalition-hosts-daddy-da/>

Sincerely,

Gale Reeves, Superintendent
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