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## **NYC COLLABORATES CONTINUES SCHOOL TOUR SERIES WITH FOCUS ON STRONG CULTURE**

### ***High Performing Public Schools to Share Best Practices in order to Better Serve All NYC Public School Students***

**February 10, 2014 (New York, NY)**— As part of its ongoing [School Study Tours](#) series, NYC Collaborates is bringing school leaders, teachers and community members together for an exploration of the strategies used by four NYC public schools as they implement a strong school culture through various classroom models and innovative programming.

“A strong school culture is vital in making a school successful” said Jaclyn Leffel, Director, NYC Collaborates. “NYC Collaborates is committed to shining a light on those strategies that succeed at raising student performance, and providing a vehicle to share best practices across the city.”

The first school tours in this series took place on Monday, February 3 and Wednesday, February 5 in the Bronx, at University Prep Charter School and Young Women’s Leadership School of the Bronx. The schools are praised for their rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Additional tours will continue in Brooklyn and Harlem this week.

Members of the press are invited to attend these tours. A detailed schedule is below; please contact [Jon Reinish](#) if you are interested in attending a particular tour.

#### **SCHOOL TOUR SCHEDULE:**

Monday, February 10, 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Sunset Park Prep  
[4004 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232](#)

Wednesday, February 12, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
East Harlem Scholars Academy



[1573 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10029](#)

PAST: Monday, February 3, 9:45 AM – 12:00PM  
University Prep Charter High School  
[600 St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455](#)

PAST: Wednesday, February 5, 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx  
[1865 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453](#)

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### **About NYC Collaborates**

NYC Collaborates creates opportunities for educators from all types of public schools to come together to share information and collaborate to improve student achievement. Our members believe that public schools—whether district or charter—have a collective and mutual obligation to ensure that all students in the City graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college, work and life.

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