

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT YOUTH IN ACTION COMMUNITY CORPORATION
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M E M O R A N D U M

February 6, 1968

TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FROM: Ulysses M. Jordan
Chairman
RE: PUBLIC MEETING - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1968

On Saturday, February 10, 1968 from 1:00 p.m.
to 4:00 p.m. at P.S. 35 - 272 McDonough Street, Brooklyn
there will be a public meeting in Bedford-Stuyvesant and
Youth In Action will present their position on the new
Community College.

Any member of the Education Committee who has
time to work closely with Mr. Pinkston, Mr. Watkins,
Mr. Stewart and Mr. Merchant in preparation for Saturday's
public meeting please volunteer your time, call Mr. Pinkston
at 789-6161, Ext. 211.

I must insist that all members of the Education
Committee be on time on Saturday. I want all members of
the Education Committee sitting together on the front row
for this event.

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Chairman, Education Committee

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT COMMUNITY AROUSED OVER
PROPOSAL PLANS FOR EXPERIMENTAL COLLEGE

The people of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Community are asking questions about the proposed experimental Community College which has been promised to the Community by the Educational and Political Power Structure, namely the Board of Higher Education. Responsible Community leaders are unable to answer the many questions asked, in as much as they were not consulted by the Educational Structure on both the state and local levels in respect to programing and the planning stages for the development of this college.

In an attempt to make solid proposals concerning the proposed experimental Community College in Central Brooklyn, a mass Community meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10, 1:00 P.M. at P.S. 35, Stephen Decatur J.H.S., 272 McDonough Street. This meeting is being organized by Bedford-Stuyvesant Youth In Action Community Corporation and the Five Community Action Neighborhood Boards of YIA, the Ad Hoc Planning Committee for Higher Education in Central Brooklyn and the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council.

Walter C. Pinkston, Executive Director of Bedford-Stuyvesant Youth In Action, in alluding to the confusion surrounding the Community College said, "Unless the people of Bedford-Stuyvesant are alert to what

is going on, they will find themselves in the position of having to accept what the 'City Fathers' and 'local Toms and Thomasinias', have planned for the community rather than with the community. We would like to know what Dr. A. Bowker, Chancellor of the City University of New York, means when he states. . . 'that a new two-year experimental college, now designated as Community College #7, will be located in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, . . .'. These and many other questions must be answered before the community will accept what is being offered them."

Among those invited to attend the meeting are Abe Stark, Borough President; Senator Robert Kennedy; Judge Thomas R. Jones; Senator Jacob Javits; Mayor John V. Lindsay; all elected representatives of the Community and all members of the Board of Higher Education.

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organized by Bedford-Stuyvesant Youth in Action (formerly Labor Community

and the Five Community Action Neighborhood Councils of the Bedford-Stuyvesant

Planning Committee for Higher Education in Central Brooklyn and the

Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council.

Walker C. Frazier, Executive Director of Bedford-Stuyvesant National Youth

Youth in Action, is allowing to the confusion surrounding the Com. regarding the

college work, unless the people of Bedford-Stuyvesant are first aware of