

**BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT
MR. JOHN VERDONE:**

“On March 5, 1967, this school was dedicated by Board of Education President, John Reinsma. I am pleased to be here to participate in tonight’s re-dedication ceremony. You may ask, a dedication ceremony in March? Why not September? The building could not open as there were construction glitches. That year, student slated to attend Lincoln Avenue were split between Sunrise Drive and Greene Avenue Schools.

Since then, approximately 5000 students have graduated from Lincoln Avenue, including my own children, John, Robert and Amanda.

Lincoln Avenue’s classrooms have changed, instruction has changed, the building has changed with additions and renovations. But one thing remains the same, this school, as all of our schools in Sayville, has continuously served as a center of community for us all, promoting upstanding, productive citizens.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we would like to thank the community for your strong support of our children.” .



**SITE-BASED TEAM PARENT CHAIR
KARAH KLEIN:**

“In 1991, Commissioner Thomas Sobol instituted A New Compact for Learning, a philosophy and strategy for improving public elementary, middle and secondary education results in the 1990s.

The Compact is based on the principle that all children can learn and that collaborating on a broad scale, among parents, educators and others, can significantly improve the educational performance of our children. In 1992, the Regents adopted Commissioners Regulation 100.11 which was intended to provide parents and teachers with an opportunity to participate with administration in making decisions about educational issues.

The Lincoln Avenue Site Based team operates without a budget. Our goal is to provide learning experiences for children based on need and sometimes data. We often work closely with the PTA, and we are thankful for their support. We have also received support from the Sayville Education Foundation, and again we are thankful.

Some of the initiatives these last few years have included, The Duathlon, student government, the STEM Symposium, Rise and Read, anti-bullying initiatives and for the last year, this anniversary celebration. We work hard, and it’s great to see the results of this work!!

We hope you enjoy the evening. Happy 50th Lincoln Avenue! “



**PTA PRESIDENT
ANN MARIE
DEGREGORIA:**

Speaking extemporaneously as Lincoln’s PTA president, Ann Marie DeGregoria admitted she had been living in Sayville for only three years, but that she and husband had done a thorough search to find the best place to raise their children. They found Sayville, the friendliest town. She stated that she is still “amazed by the people of the community” and realizes that “our children will be here 50 years from now celebrating the 100th anniversary!”

