

## Curriculum Council May 2024 “Using Resources from CBO’s to Create Inclusive School Environments”



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# Where it all began

Eid Approval - 2016

LONG ISLAND / EDUCATION

**Syosset board makes Muslim, Hindu festivals school holidays**



## Where it all Began

**Syed said** before the vote that making a Muslim holy day a holiday “sends a good message because **Syosset is so diverse.**”

School board approval would teach the “values of different cultures and religions so that we can respect each other.”

Muslim leaders collected more than **700 signatures** on their request to make two major Muslim holy days — Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan, and Eid al-Adha, or the Feast of Sacrifice — school holidays.

**“We are thrilled,” said Dr. Uzma Syed**, who led the petition drive. “We are so happy we were able to work together.”

Board President Michael Cohen said he pushed fellow members to reach a decision Monday night.



# Who we are: Community Building

## DISTRICTS APPROVED EID HOLIDAYS



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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. SYOSSET                 | 14. SOUTH HUNTINGTON |
| 2. HERRICKS                | 15. HICKSVILLE       |
| 3. EAST WILLISTON          | 16. SEWANHAKA CHSD   |
| 4. HALF HOLLOW HILLS       | 17. LEVITTOWN        |
| 5. HARBORFIELDS            | 18. ELMONT UFSD      |
| 6. EAST MEADOW             | 19. DEER PARK        |
| 7. JERICHO                 | 20. BETHPAGE         |
| 8. BRENTWOOD               | 21. WESTBURY         |
| 9. ELWOOD                  | 22. ROSLYN           |
| 10. VALLEY STREAM          | 23. COMMACK          |
| 11. PLAINVIEW/OLD BETHPAGE | 24. DEER PARK        |
| 12. BELLMORE               | 25. WESTBURY         |
| 13. HUNTINGTON             | 26. THREE VILLAGE    |
|                            | 27. FARMINGDALE      |

## DISTRICTS PENDING



1. LOCUST VALLEY
2. SMITHTOWN
3. PORT WASHINGTON
4. HEWLETT WOODMERE
5. MASSAPEQUA
6. MIDDLE COUNTRY
7. SACHEM
8. LONGWOOD
9. PLAINEDGE
10. ISLAND TREES
11. LYNBROOK



## Eid Holiday Coalition Long Island

Muslim holidays follow the lunar calendar and are therefore subject to shift by approximately ten days each year. In many instances, the holidays can fall during weekends, federal holidays or summer breaks. Other times, the holidays can fall during a regular school day. By recognizing these holidays, not only does it create an opportunity for education and dialogue within the school network (teachers, faculty & staff) but also between parents, students and the entire school community. Having the holidays in place also prevents testing from being scheduled on these high holy days. A 30 year projection of the calculated dates for both Holidays are provided to each district during the proposals to aide in the ease of this transition.

Thank you for your time and commitment to nurturing a welcoming and inclusive society that all our children deserve to grow up in, it is your opportunity to leave an enduring legacy, and make history right here on Long Island.

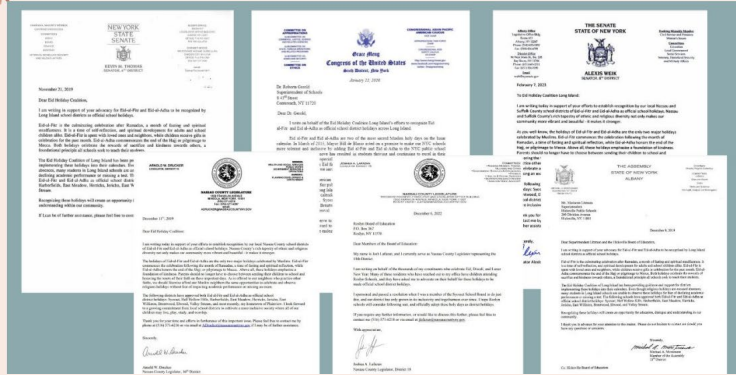
### Respectfully, Eid Holiday Coalition Long Island Supporting Organizations:

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| 1. TEACHERS UNION NHP-GCP Kase Lichtman (President) and Kelly Salsodi (Vice President) | 21. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington Board of trustees |
| 2. Elmont New Jerusalem Pentecostal Church   | 22. HMVO (Huntington Muslim Youth Outreach)                           |
| 3. Islamic Center of Long Island   | 23. Centerport United Methodist Church                                |
| 4. Kehillath Shalom synagogue  | 24. Episcopal Diocese of Long Island                                  |
| 5. Islamic Center of Melville  | 25. The Huntington Jewish Center                                      |
| 6. Indian American Muslim Council  | 26. St. Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Shrine Church of Greenlawn           |
| 7. American Muslims of NY  | 27. Jobs With Justice, LI   |
| 8. Masjid Noor   | 28. Empowerment Collaborative of LI                                   |
| 9. Masjid Bilal  | 29. Women's Diversity Network   |
| 10. Muslims for Progress   | 30. SEPA Mujer  |
| 11. Interfaith Institute of IGLI   | 31. Western Chapter of Sisterhood of S Salam Shalom                   |
| 12. Long Island Civic Engagement Table   | 32. Council on American-Islamic Relations, New York (CAIR-NY)         |
| 13. Long Island Progressive Coalition  | 33. Temple Beth David Commack   |
| 14. Long Island Muslim Society   | 34. Gathering Of Light Interspiritual Fellowship                      |
| 15. Long Island Inclusive Communities Against Hate                                     | 35. Shelter Rock Islamic Center                                       |
| 16. Interfaith Clergy Council of Syosset-Woodbury                                      | 36. Bahá'ís Of The Town Of Huntington                                 |
| 17. Northwest Nassau County Sisterhood of S Salam Shalom                               | 37. Congregation Simchat Halev  |
| 18. The Congregational Church of Huntington UCC  | 38. Masjid Al Baq   |
| 19. St. Anthony of Padua RC Church   | 39. Grace Racism  |
| 20. Islamic Center of Five Towns   | 40. Crescent Islamic School   |

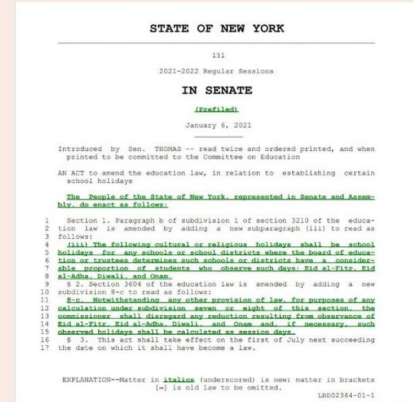
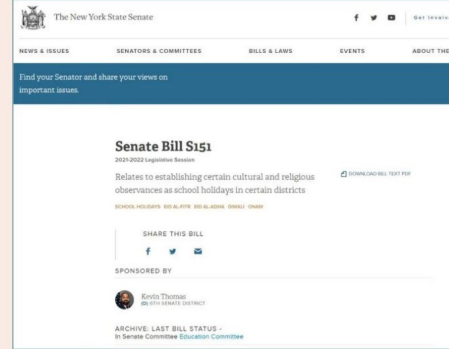




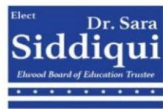
# Who We Are: Advocacy



# NY Senate Bill S151



# Cultivating Leaders



A Vote For Me Will Ensure:  
A Continued Education of Excellence  
Accessibility  
Transparency  
Strong Communication  
Strong Responsibility  
Efficiency  
Strong Advocacy  
Collaboration  
A Voice For The Taxpayer



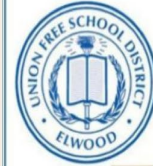
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## Disney and American Eid



**Eid Holiday Coalition Presents:**

MEET THE WRITER  
AND DIRECTOR OF  
SHORT FILM  
"AMERICAN EID"  
**Aqsa Altaf**  
August 27th -  
7:30pm EST



RESERVE A SPOT TODAY







## Eid Ul-Fitr At White House



Dr. Uzma Syed, second from right, heads the grassroots Eid Holiday Coalition of Long Island, which has worked with community members since 2016 to expand holiday access in public schools. With her are members of the coalition, from left, Hasan Sheikh, Farhana Islam and Moeen Qurechi. Credit: Rick Kopstein





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**TIME FOR NYS TO  
RECOGNIZE EID!**

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Representing over  
1.5 Million  
Muslim Americans  
across our region

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ERASE RACISM: Eliminating Barriers to Racial Equity



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# EVERYDAY SYMBOLS

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# HISTORY CAN CHANGE MEANING



NAZI FLAG  
WITH SWASTIKA



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# JIM CROW ERA

➤ 100 YEARS

## SEGREGATION

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► Head of the Nazi Party

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# WHERE COULD HATE SYMBOLS APPEAR?



LONG ISLAND IN 2015



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# ISLAMOPHOBIA



PREJUDICE AGAINST  
MUSLIMS

TENNESSEE, 2010



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# WHAT CAN YOU DO?



#stophate

#standupforjustice

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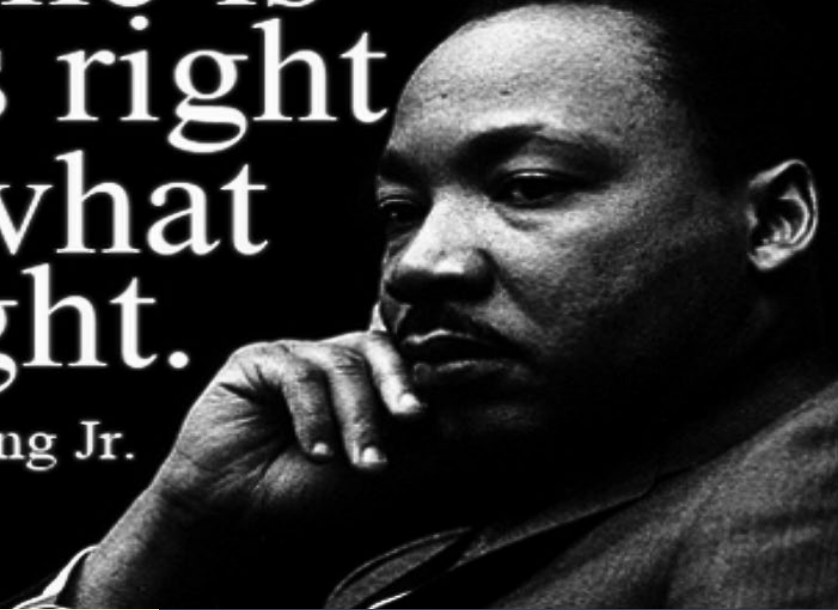
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The time is  
always right  
to do what  
is right.

~ Martin Luther King Jr.



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# Community Need. Organization Impact.

## CAMPAIGNS & ADVOCACY



EDUCATION & TRAINING

## SAFE SCHOOLS



Website



## Panel Questions:

**1. Can you share a specific example or case study where your organization helped improve cross cultural understanding and alliance among students, and/or communities?**

**1a. Can you explain how these practices were implemented successfully in a school setting?**

**2. What role/responsibility do you believe education plays in combating prejudice and discrimination and how can schools integrate this role into their everyday practices, policies and curricula?**

**3. What are your hopes for our schools and communities?**





# Audience Discussion





# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity

Advancing Equitable Opportunities



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