

## **8th City Council District**

**Edward Santos** (D)

My name is Ed Santos and I'm running for City Council in District 8, covering East Harlem and Mott Haven in the South Bronx. I was a public school teacher right here in East Harlem at Central Park East High School. I'm running for City Council to protect a basic principle: all our young people deserve an opportunity to attend a good school that helps them reach their potential. Whether or not they are your kids or your neighbor's kids we all share this belief. As a public school teacher I saw every day the challenges facing my students in the community and I had the challenge of helping kids with 5th grade reading levels become college ready. I am asking for your vote because I will put our young people first. I will fight for universal pre-k, so all 4 year olds have a seat in a class so that they can get an early start on their education. I will stand up for after school programs to keep our students active, well rounded and out of trouble. And with less than 15% of District 8 students graduating college ready, I will work to make sure high schools focus on college readiness because in order for our young people to find work and succeed, we NEED them to go to college. A quality education provides a gateway to opportunity that is now closed to too many of our young people. If we work together as a community we CAN change that. But what we DO NOT need is 4 more years of career politicians running for Bloomberg 3rd terms. 8 years is long enough. 8 years of under-performing schools and 17% unemployment is long enough. We need new leaders with new ideas for a fresh start. My name is Ed Santos. I'm an educator. You trusted me with your kids. You can trust me with your vote for city council.

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