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**RAUCH FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH ERASE RACISM TO SPONSOR  
DELEGATION FROM LONG ISLAND TO ATTEND “REIMAGINING EDUCATION  
SUMMER INSTITUTE” AT TEACHERS COLLEGE**

**The Collaboration is Part of ERASE Racism’s Education Equity Initiative and Includes  
Delegates From 11 Schools in Five School Districts in Nassau and Suffolk Counties**

**Garden City, NY – July 10, 2018** – The Rauch Foundation announced today that it is partnering with ERASE Racism to sponsor a delegation from Long Island to attend the “Reimagining Education Summer Institute” from July 16-19 at Teachers College Columbia University.

The Summer Institute is designed to address the fact that while America’s public schools are increasingly diverse – with more than half of all students in K-12 public schools being children of color – diversity alone does not lead to integration. The Summer Institute will explore the opportunities and challenges of creating racially, ethnically, and socio-economically integrated schools.

The delegation of 25 Rauch Fellows is part of Long Island-based ERASE Racism’s Education Equity Initiative, which engages educators and interested individuals in developing real solutions to the increasingly segregated public school districts on Long Island. Although the student population is becoming increasingly more diverse, in the last decade the number of intensely segregated schools on Long Island has more than doubled. Today, dramatically more black and Hispanic students attend segregated public schools than 12 years ago.

The overwhelmingly segregated Long Island school districts are disadvantageous for all of the region’s students. Growing research shows that integrated learning environments provide more opportunities for academic success, help to dismantle racial stereotypes, and better prepare all students to be successful in increasingly diverse workplaces and communities.

The Rauch Fellows come from five school districts in Nassau and Suffolk Counties: Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District; Greenport Union Free School District; Roosevelt Union Free School District; Sewanhaka Central High School District, and Uniondale School District. The delegation representing 11 schools includes assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, department chairs, teachers, and social workers:

- Elmont Memorial High School (in Elmont)

- Floral Park Memorial High School (Floral Park)
- Greenport High School (Greenport)
- H. Frank Carey High School (Franklin Square)
- New Hyde Park Memorial High School (New Hyde Park)
- Northern Parkway Elementary School (Uniondale)
- Roosevelt High School (Roosevelt)
- Roosevelt Middle School (Roosevelt)
- Sewanhaka High School (Floral Park)
- Ulysses Byas Elementary School (Roosevelt)
- Wellington C. Mepham High School (Bellmore).

The Rauch Fellows will attend the Summer Institute and also work with ERASE Racism to use the knowledge they gain in a broader strategy for meeting the needs of a multicultural student population.

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### **About the Rauch Foundation**

The Rauch Foundation ([www.rauchfoundation.org](http://www.rauchfoundation.org)) is a Long Island-based family foundation that invests in ideas and organizations that spark and sustain early success in children and systemic change in our communities. The Foundation was established in 1961 by Louis Rauch and Philip Rauch, Jr. Funding for the Foundation was made possible by the success of the Ideal Corporation, an auto parts manufacturer founded in 1913 by their father, Philip Rauch, Sr.

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