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**COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN HONORS EMMA LAZARUS
HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED NATION'S TOP
SCHOOL FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS**

Today, Council Member Margaret Chin presented a City Council proclamation to the principal, staff, students and parents of Emma Lazarus High School to honor the school for being [named the nation's #1 high school for low-income students by Newsweek magazine.](#)

Emma Lazarus High School, located at 100 Hester Street on the Lower East Side, serves students who are learning English as a second language and who generally come from immigrant families.

In addition to receiving Newsweek's top honor among schools for low-income students, Emma Lazarus High School was also named the nation's #20 high school overall.

Melody Kellogg, the principal of Emma Lazarus High School, was present to receive the proclamation today, along with school staff members, students and parents. The proclamation was also signed by City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Council Members Daniel Dromm and Carlos Menchaca, who respectively chair the Council's Committee on Education and Committee on Immigration.

"We've always known that we have great public schools on the Lower East Side, and this distinction shows that Emma Lazarus High School is truly among the best of the best," **said Council Member Chin.** "I applaud Principal Melody Kellogg, along with her staff and students, for this school's remarkable work to close the achievement gap for immigrant and low-income students. With every step forward, they are making the Lower East Side and our whole city proud."