



CITY OF MANCHESTER

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Manchester Kicks-Off City Year Effort Announces In School & On Track Program, Recognizes Sponsors

MANCHESTER, NH - - Today Mayor Ted Gatsas kicked off the City Year *In School & On Track* program at City Hall. Flanked by 56 City Year corps members, city officials and local business leaders Mayor Gatsas remarked, "I have no doubt that City Year is going to change the lives of the students they reach in this district. The City Year corps members have moved into this community and will serve as mentors to our students in the schools and in their neighborhoods. City Year will be the difference these kids need."

The City of Manchester, the Manchester School District and City Year New Hampshire have made a three year commitment to bring the *In School & On Track* program to the Manchester School District. Beginning on the first day of school five, eight member teams will begin their service in the five "at-risk" elementary schools in Manchester. The schools are: Bakersville, Beech Street, Gossler Park, Parker Varney and Wilson Street. Corps members will be asked to provide classroom assistance, run before and after school programs and help with the day-to-day activities at each of these schools.

Mayor Gatsas also issued a special thanks to the local businesses, the Board of Aldermen and the Board of School Committee for making this effort possible. "Without a public, private partnership the *In School & On Track* program would never have materialized. Businesses in Manchester and throughout the state recognized the need for this program and stepped up to the plate. I would also like to commend the Board of Aldermen and the Board of School Committee for placing financial resources into this program. A sincere thank you to everyone for making a difference in the life of a child," stated Mayor Gatsas.

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