

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER POSTING

**School Name: THE SOUNDVIEW ACADEMY FOR CULTURE & SCHOLARSHIP**

**District 8**

**School Site: 885 Bolton Avenue, Bronx NY 10473**

**Send Cover Letter and Resume to: wfrack@gmail.com**

**Deadline to Apply: April 8, 2009**

### **POSITIONS:**

Middle School Social Worker

### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Soundview Academy for Culture & Scholarship delivers a dynamic and rigorous curriculum while supporting our students' physical, social and emotional development during exciting and challenging middle school years. Our school prescribes to the International Baccalaureate Middle Years program for content area instruction, as well as the Scholars Advisory program for the necessary social and emotional supports for academic maturity. Lastly, our Arts & Athletics electives provide enhanced programs to provide a unique cultural experience for our students.

**School staff is encouraged to attend summer orientation and participate in after school arts and tutoring programs (*Compensation according to the UFT contract and advance notice will be provided. Staff participation in this activity is voluntary, but strongly encouraged, as it is very important to the development of the school*)**

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Licensed certified Social Worker in New York City Middle Schools.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Roles in small schools are varied and complex and serious consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate through their resume and cover letter experience and willingness to become involved in these essential tasks:

- Practicing solution-focus individual and group counseling that aligns with school's instructional goals and environment
- Counseling students, individually and in groups, regarding academic readiness, discipline, social and emotional development, substance abuse, conflict mediation, graduation requirements, and making appropriate referrals
- Collaborating with teachers in the creation of our advisory curriculum, including training in facilitating coed and gender-specific group discussion, organizing health & wellness campaigns, and supporting teacher-advisors as they develop the advisory program and their skills as advisors
- Participating in regular faculty professional development, reflective practice groups, professional organizations, peer coaching and critical friends group work
- Maintaining regular and open communication with parents, including assistance in creating regular forums for parents and guardians to explore important issues to our community

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- Evidence of capacity and willingness to carry out the above duties and responsibilities
- Ability to offer leadership to staff and teachers around implementation of advisory program
- Evidence of successful counseling strategies with regard to academic readiness, discipline, social and emotional development, substance abuse, and conflict mediation.
- Experience collaborating with content-area and grade-level teams
- Knowledge of ELL and Special Education standards and compliance issues
- Applicants should provide written references. One might include a peer with whom the applicant has collaborated. Others might refer to faculty development initiatives, particularly those related to advisory programs

Social worker candidates must present a portfolio that may include a resume, evidence of philosophy of social work with early adolescents, evidence of professional development planning, and any artifacts collected throughout one's counseling career. Candidates must also participate in a scenario-based interview in which they provide examples of and a rationale for his or her approach to a particular counseling situation. Finally, applicants must provide three references.

## **WORK SCHEDULE AND SALARY**

As per Collective Bargaining Agreement