



December 1, 2024

March 20, 2025

Good evening, POB School Community.

Join us on April 2nd at 7:00 PM in the H.B. Mattlin Auditorium as the POB community welcomes *New York Times* Bestselling Author Regina Calcaterra ([Etched in Sand](#)). Regina will share her powerful journey from foster care and homelessness to success as a lawyer and activist.

This ***Power of Belongings*** event unites POB Schools, POB PTA, the Mid-Island JCC, the POB Chamber of Commerce, and Birthday Wishes of Long Island in a mission to provide 400 duffel bags filled with essentials for Long Island teens in shelters or foster care—offering them dignity and comfort during difficult times.

How You Can Be a Part of this Community Event:

- ✓ RSVP [using this link](#)
- ✓ Donate via our [Amazon Wish List](#)

We hope you'll be part of this meaningful evening!

Sincerely,
The POB Power of Belongings Committee

Flyer included below

Please join us for the second annual . . .



Wednesday, April 2, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Howard B. Mattlin Middle School

100 Washington Ave Plainview

Special Guest Speaker: New York Times best selling author

Regina Calcaterra, "Etched in Sand"

Please Donate

Bring an item from the Amazon Wishlist (the QR code)
and bring it to the event or you can ship it directly to the
school address provided



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The POB School District is joining forces with the POB Chamber of Commerce, the PTA, and the Mid-Island YJCC, and other community members to collect supplies for teens experiencing homelessness. Inspiration for this program came from Birthday Wishes of Long Island and author Regina Calcaterra's moving speech about her traumatic experience with homelessness in the foster care system. Now a successful attorney and advocate for homeless youth, she emphasized that the teen population is often "unseen" and supplies for their comfort and success are minimal. This need sparked the "Belongings" event.



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