Farmingville, NY - On July 15, Brookhaven Town Councilwoman Connie Kepert (third from right) and Suffolk County Legislator Rob Calarco (fourth from right) attended the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School Summer Program at Faith Baptist Church located at 10 Teller Avenue in Coram. The literacy-based program is geared toward children ranging from Kindergarten through second grade. At the event, Councilwoman Kepert and Legislator Calarco both stressed the importance of reading.

"Reading is not only fun, but vital to our children's future success. Freedom School is an excellent program, especially during the summer months when most children tend to forget some of the skills they acquired during the school year," said Councilwoman Kepert. Both Councilwoman Kepert and Legislator Calarco are volunteer readers at this year's Children Defense Fund Freedom School Summer program.