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Bob credits his parents for providing him with a solid work ethic and a drive to succeed that has guided him through his entire life. Copiague's educational system also equipped him with a great foundation for success by challenging its students to diversify their skills and expand their horizons. Bob's high school experience was truly remarkable because of its teachers, who provided a tremendous amount of caring and support for their students. Some of the most memorable times included biology class with Mrs. D'Alessandro, German class with Ms. McGuire, and all of the rehearsals for the *Sound of Music*. At Copiague, Bob developed the confidence, creativity and problem-solving skills that led him toward a path of success, including a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering at Clarkson and a Master of Science degree in Real Estate at New York University.

With more than 20 years in the real estate and construction industry, Bob was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Department of Buildings by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in October 2008. As Commissioner, Bob leads an agency with more than 1,100 inspectors, engineers, plan examiners and other professionals whose primary mission is to ensure public safety at 975,000 buildings and construction sites throughout New York City. Under his leadership, the Department has become a worldwide leader in construction safety, instituting new protocols and requirements that have led to a significant drop in construction accidents citywide. Through construction plan reviews and inspections, the Department facilitates millions of dollars worth of economic development across the five boroughs each year and has encouraged the use of green technology in New York City's newest buildings.

Prior to joining the Department in 2002, Bob was Director at RealFoundations, a real estate and construction consulting firm and Vice President at OpsXchange, an e-procurement solution firm. From 1997 to 2000, Bob was Vice President at Jones Lang LaSalle, where he was a manager and consultant to leading institutional investors. Prior to Jones Lang LaSalle, Bob managed the Science and Engineering buildings at Columbia University.

"Leaders are ready to accept any challenge at any time. Be ready."