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"Danger of a Single Story" –

– Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, author

RECAP OF PRESENTATION AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON ABILITY GROUPING IN SUPPORT OF ACCELERATION, INTEGRATION & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Retired NYC Public School teachers Joseph Chou and Maggie Feurtado, and Jonathan Plucker, Ph.D., President of the National Association for Gifted Children, joined PLACE NYC on Nov. 19 in a wide-ranging 90-minute online discussion about ability grouping, testing practices, Gifted and Talented programs, and Specialized High Schools. Each also spoke about research and classroom realities that support ability grouping for academic excellence, which aligns with the [mission statement](#) of PLACE NYC.

You can watch a video recording of the Zoom event and view the presentation on our website [here](#). Download the presentation [here](#).



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TAKE ACTION!

COLTON MOBILIZING PARENTS

Assembly member William Colton (<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/William-Colton/>) is a former Public School teacher and a supporter of high-quality education. Like PLACE NYC, he too does not want to see Mayor de Blasio eliminate the SHSAT and harm the Specialized High Schools. To that effort, AM Colton is calling upon parents to speak up and demand that the Mayor and Chancellor comply with NYS law and establish a date for the SHSAT, as well as expand Gifted & Talented programs to all areas of NYC, comply with the IEP process, and ensure a safe and healthy reopening of schools.

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Just added: [Video of our Nov. 19 event](#) on Ability Grouping.

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Featured Comment from FACE NYC Facebook Group

Below is a comment to a post on [this article](#) that mentioned the "Ed-Opt" admissions method. This is contrary to research on [ability grouping](#) as discussed in the Nov.19 PLACE NYC event.

“There are schools that claim to excel at “closing the gap” — bringing in kids that are behind and bringing them up to or beyond grade level. But you never hear about them. The DOE should sing their praises and look at what they’re doing right to do it elsewhere. But also if this is what they are good at and putting resources to, why not let them keep doing it? No school can be all things to all kids with finite resources. If you force them to make 16% of their kids high achievers then what? You take resources away from your primary mission to give advanced classes to a small number of kids or you ignore the high achievers with the assumption they’ll be fine no matter what. So someone still loses.”

To read more about Ed-Opt:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/01/failure-ed-opt-schools/424398/>

Education News in the Press

[A Progressive Assault on Selective High Schools](#) (Wall Street Journal, Nov. 25)

[Carranza receives 3 CEC votes of no confidence](#) (Queens Chronicle, Nov. 25)

[Head of NYC teachers union wants mayoral control of schools ended](#) (NY Post, Nov. 24)

[How de Blasio Backed Himself Into a Corner on Closing Schools](#) (NY Times, Nov. 24)

[NYC public schools will likely reopen with phased-in approach, additional COVID testing: De Blasio](#) (NY Daily News, Nov. 23)

[Student Test Scores Drop in Math Since Covid-19 Pandemic](#) (WSJ, Nov. 21)

[Staten Island Councilman Joe Borelli, parents file lawsuit to reopen NYC schools](#) (NY Post, Nov. 21)

[‘Remote Learning Is Not Working’: Shutdown Hurts Children, Parents Say](#) (NY Times, Nov. 19)

[‘I May Have to Leave the City I Love’: Parents in New York City, Grappling with a Dysfunctional School Shutdown and the Uncertain Academic Year Ahead, Voice Frustration — and Fear](#) (The74Million.org, Nov. 19)

[Schools shutdown again: Chaos should move parents to demand better system](#) (NY Post, Nov. 18)

[Status of NYC’s Middle and High School Admissions Remains Mystery to Anxious Parents and Students](#) (Gothamist.com, Nov. 14)

[Advocates rally in Bayside, calling for continuation of Specialized High School Admissions Test](#) (QNS.com, Nov. 13)

[De Blasio says elite school test SHSAT might be given online](#) (NY Post, Nov. 13)

Upcoming Education Meetings

(Subject to Change)

MONDAY, NOV. 30

CEC3 (Manhattan) Joint Middle School and Equity & Excellence Committee meeting, 7 pm

www.cec3.org

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvf-uqrjorHtwvUJvmlpr5Z7O4WjZl9ZZj>

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

CEC7 (Bronx) Business and Calendar meeting, 6 pm

www.csd7bx.org/cec

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83238555891?pwd=bmZHc2tWcjNEUFpPSVBMTGpQT2o4Zz09>

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

CEC3 (Manhattan) Town Hall with Chancellor Carranza, 6:30 pm

www.cec3.org

www.learndoe.org/cec

CEC75 (Students with Special Needs and/or an IEP) Business meeting, 6:30 pm

www.ceed75.org

<https://zoom.us/j/2343185129>

CEC25 (Queens) Business and Calendar meeting, 7 pm

www.d25.nyc/cec

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2183293032>

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

CEC2 (Manhattan) Remote & Hybrid Learning Discussion, 6:30 pm

www.ceed2.net

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvdO2hqT4vHdJFLNzq4Hi0zMBavMQ4N9II>

CEC28 (Queens) Business and Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm
www.cecd28.org

MONDAY, DEC. 7

CEC31 (Staten Island) Business and Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm
www.cecd31.org
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83807571472?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83807571472?pwd=MWxEbi95VzVFK2dNajZ6ZEJocVJkQT09)
[pwd=MWxEbi95VzVFK2dNajZ6ZEJocVJkQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83807571472?pwd=MWxEbi95VzVFK2dNajZ6ZEJocVJkQT09)

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

CEC2 (Manhattan) Town Hall with Chancellor Carranza, 6:30 pm
www.cecd2.net
www.learndoe.org/cec
Business & Calendar meeting to immediately follow. Register for the meeting:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtceCvpjgsE9dm4z96Rb3C0964uJd7VTlg>

CEC15 (Brooklyn) Business meeting, 6:30 pm
www.cecd15.org

CEC30 (Queens) Business and Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm
www.cecd30.org
<https://zoom.us/j/99686138915?pwd=bHZEZlZ3S3dXMHh5UE9CZm5PTjVXQT09>

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