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Urgent: Save Screened Admissions

The latest push to save screened schools is upon us, and PLACE NYC encourages all Public School parents to get involved in the effort to preserve high-quality education in NYC.

Write to your elected officials (NYS Senators, NYC Council Members, NYC Assembly Members) and demand that they do their part to hear your concerns and save screened admissions.

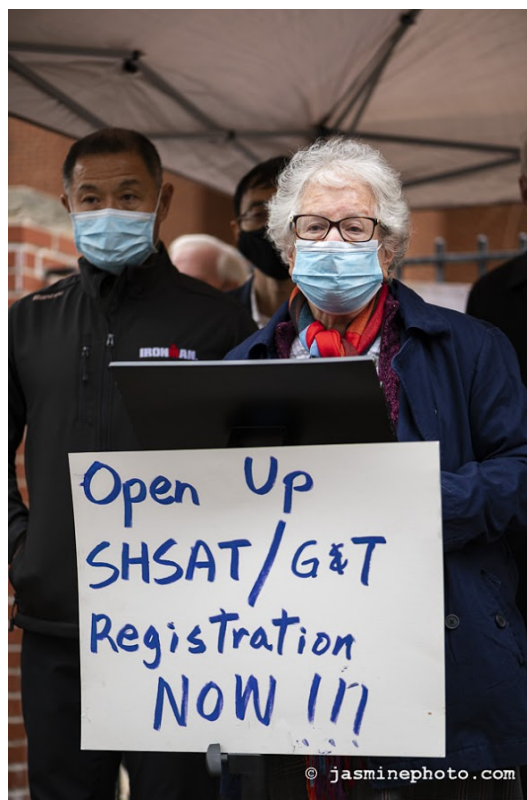
Please visit PLACENYC.org for [suggestions on how to advocate](#) to your local elected officials to save screened admissions. Please don't delay, as a final decision from Chancellor Carranza and Mayor de Blasio may come down at any moment.



Senator John Liu speaks in front of MS74 on Thursday 11/12/2020 at a rally in Bayside sponsored by CACAGNY and NYCRA.

[Parents protest delays on SHSAT, gifted and talented testing](#) (Queens Chronicle, Nov. 13)

Photos below: Council Member Robert Holden, Senator Toby Stavisky



TAKE ACTION!

NYC Council Member Brad Lander (Dem., District 39, Brooklyn) is asking other Council members to join him in sponsoring a resolution to prohibit screens. Yet another politician wants to take advantage of the Covid pandemic to make a change and further dilute public education in NYC. Lander was also instrumental in pushing for the District 15 middle school lottery ... after his own children graduated from MS 51, a screened school.

If Lander can call on his City Council colleagues, PLACE NYC can call on you. Call your City Council member and tell him/her NOT to support this resolution. Find your City Council member [here](#).



PLACE NYC EVENT ON ABILITY GROUPING

On Thursday, November 19, PLACE NYC is hosting an online Zoom event titled “Ability Grouping in Support of Acceleration, Integration and Academic Excellence.”

RSVP (<https://forms.gle/VcFPTjaEtKZj4b6C6>) for the Zoom link and to submit questions.

PLACE NYC will lead a panel discussion on why NYC’s Gifted and Talented programs, screened schools and specialized high schools identify and nurture kids by ability or “ability grouping.” We will share the pros and cons, the research on academic outcomes and discuss with educators what really happens in the classrooms. There will be a presentation followed by panel discussion with:

- Joseph Chou - Retired math AP of Francis Lewis High School (23+ years)
- Maggie Feurtado - Retired accelerated 7th grade math teacher / MS Dean NYC Lab MS (17 years)
- Jonathan Plucker, Ph.D. - President, National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Board of Directors; Julian C. Stanley - Professor of Talent Development at Johns Hopkins University

Moderated by PLACE NYC Co-President Yiatin Chu and Executive Board Member Maud Maron.

<https://placenyc.org/2020/11/10/ability-grouping-in-support-of-acceleration-integration-and-academic-excellence/>

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New PLACE NYC YouTube Channel

On the PLACE NYC YouTube channel, you can view videos of the Education First rally from Oct. 23, the “Understanding How NYC Public Schools are Funded” presentation of Oct. 22, and various PLACE-sponsored forums and events that support the cause of high-quality education for all.

Subscribe

Helpful Comment from FACE NYC Facebook Group

On SHSAT DREAM Program:

(<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/programs/dream-program>)

Google Classroom. I got this from a middle school guidance counselor.

“IMPORTANT!! We are re-launching fall DREAM on Saturday, November 14th. We will set the final fall session date as close as possible to the SHSAT administration date once that date is determined. We will resume live remote instruction at 9am on Saturday, 11/14. As shared before, the timing of the Saturday sessions will be the same as your site’s summer schedule (9am-1pm). Please login to your DREAM Google Classroom by 8:45am on 11/14 to make sure you know your schedule for the day and ready to go. Please continue working on and implementing your study plan from last week’s assignment (see Classwork tab). We will post another independent assignment Friday, November 6th.”

Join Our Group

Education News in the Press

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

<https://nypost.com/2020/11/13/de-blasio-says-elite-school-test-shsat-might-be-given-online/>

Parents protest delays on SHSAT, gifted and talented testing (Queens Chronicle, Nov. 13)

https://www.qchron.com/editions/central/parents-protest-delays-on-shsat-gifted-and-talented-testing/article_e8a509ec-25f5-11eb-b490-c356cf69d1d1.html

DOE postpones long-awaited admissions sessions day after announcing them (NY Post, Nov. 11)

<https://nypost.com/2020/11/11/doe-postpones-admissions-sessions-day-after-announcing-them/>

Black and Hispanic Families Voice Concerns Over Cancelled SHSAT (Patch.com, Nov. 11)

<https://patch.com/new-york/foreshills/black-hispanic-families-voice-concerns->

[over-cancelled-shsat-nodx](#)

City Says Schools Will Enforce In-Person Attendance, But Details Remain Vague (Gothamist.com, Nov. 11)

<https://gothamist.com/news/city-says-schools-will-enforce-person-attendance-details-remain-vague>

Covid-19 Puts New York City School Admissions in Limbo (WSJ, Nov. 9)

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/covid-19-puts-new-york-city-school-admissions-in-limbo-11604957993?>

DOE wants to move away from grades in determining class rank (NY Post, Nov. 9)

<https://nypost.com/2020/11/09/doe-wants-to-move-away-from-grades-in-determining-class-rank/>

Students Frustrated by Delay in Specialized High School Exam (NY1, Nov. 6)

<https://www.nyi.com/nyc/all-boroughs/education/2020/11/06/students-frustrated-by-delay-in-specialized-high-school-exam>

NYC Principal Stands by High Expectations for Students — Plans to Ignore New Grading Policy (www.projectforeverfree.org, Nov. 6)

<https://projectforeverfree.org/nyc-principal-stands-by-high-expectations-for-students-plans-to-ignore-new-grading-policy/>

New York cancels the next round of Regents exams for high school students (NY Times, Nov. 5)

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2020/11/05/world/covid-19-coronavirus-updates#new-york-cancels-the-next-round-of-regents-exams-for-high-school-students>

New York City to Delay Selective High School Admission Exams (Bloomberg, Nov. 5)

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-05/nyc-to-delay-selective-high-school-admission-exams>

NYC Catholic schools seeing new interest, applications from public school families (NY Post, Nov. 2)

<https://nypost.com/2020/11/02/nyc-catholic-schools-seeing-new-interest-from-public-school-families/>

The Racial-Justice War On Merit-Based Schools: It's an Injustice Against Excellence, Critics Say (www.RealClearInvestigations.com, Nov. 2) — With quotes from PLACENYC co-president Yiatin Chu

https://www.realclearinvestigations.com/articles/2020/11/02/the_racial-justice_war_on_merit-based_schools_injustice_against_excellence_critics_say_125796.html

Parents in N.Y.C. Public Schools Now Face This Agonizing Choice (NY Times, Nov. 2)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/02/nyregion/nyc-schools-reopening.html>

Upcoming Education Meetings

(Subject to Change)

MONDAY, NOV. 16

CEC32 (Brooklyn) Town Hall with Chancellor Carranza, 6 pm

<http://www.cec32.org>

<https://learndoe.org/cec/>

CEC27 (Queens) Business and Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm

<http://www.cdec27.org>

[https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/85142633253?](https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/85142633253?pwd=TGIkcXRwRWVYbTlqOFEyYWNXclJlOdz09)

[pwd=TGIkcXRwRWVYbTlqOFEyYWNXclJlOdz09](https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/85142633253?pwd=TGIkcXRwRWVYbTlqOFEyYWNXclJlOdz09)

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

CECI (Manhattan) Business and Calendar meeting, 5 pm

<http://www.ceclnyc.org>
<http://meet.google.com/cae-khyw-rhq>

DOE Panel for Education Policy (PEP) meeting, 6 pm
<http://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy>
<https://learndoe.org/pep/>

CEC6 (Manhattan) Calendar meeting, 6 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81877380104?pwd=akNaaHg5cEc3VmJ5UDVLQmIRVDZ3QT09>

CEC20 (Brooklyn) Business and Calendar meeting, 6 pm
<http://www.cec20.org>
<https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/82988904137?pwd=Q2ZBYIRKMHBta2JrWG5laWw3THFMQT09>

CEC15 (Brooklyn) Calendar Meeting, 6:30 pm
<http://www.cec15.org>

CEC17 (Brooklyn) Business and Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm
<http://www.cec17.org>
<https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/88963765148?pwd=d2JjTWtyTklmckJaVnB0VXdCdFVydz09>

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

CEC3 (Manhattan) Business and Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm
<http://www.cec3.org>
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudumvpjwjH9FyZf0afpLTao2NeYt8-gfN>

CEC5 (Manhattan) Business and Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm
<http://www.cec5.org>
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqdu-vpjstHdzdGMCKi-WEjiCLazgldT>

CEC75 (Special Needs and/or IEP) Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm
<http://www.cec75.org>
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2343185129?pwd=QWN6S2hGVjR6TjRIWU5Pb3BmTlVwQT09>

Education Council Consortium (ECC) Parent Empowerment Working Group, 7 pm
<http://www.facebook.com/nyceducationcouncils>

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

DOE Family and Student Information Session, 6:30 pm
RSVP: <https://learndoe.org/face/>
Livestream: <https://learndoe.org/face/live/>

We know that many families are considering whether to “opt-in” to blended learning, and want to provide an opportunity for families to ask question and learn the most up-to-date information about blended learning. This event is also an opportunity for you to share your experiences of back to school for you and your family.

Virtual Queens Borough Parent Advisory Board meeting, 6 pm
<http://www.queensbp.org/education>
RSVP at <http://www.queensbp.org/RSVP> to participate in the webinar
Non-participants can tune-in via live stream at <http://www.queensbp.org/education>
Email topic-related questions by Nov. 18 to <http://education@queensbp.org>

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

CEC13 (Brooklyn) Business Meeting
<http://www.cec13brooklyn.org>

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