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Introducing the SHSAT Parent Connection

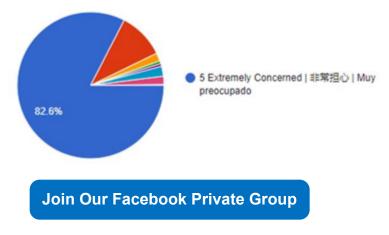
PLACE NYC leads the fastest growing parent community that advocates to maintain and grow accelerated learning opportunities in public schools in every NYC neighborhood. We want to help you stay on top of this year's chaotic school admissions, including the latest on the SHSAT. PLACE NYC is working hard to urge city and state leaders to hold the SHSAT and to keep accelerated learning programs in NYC, but we need your help. We need strength in numbers! Please share this with your school community so we can inform and mobilize as many of this year's SHSAT families as possible. https://forms.gle/CsCoboPrSHVKXHBW9
For more information: https://placenyc.org/2020/12/02/shsat-parents-connection/

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Survey Says....

In a new PLACE NYC Survey, 83% of parents are Extremely Concerned about the possibility of DOE not giving the SHSAT this year.

How concerned are you about the possibility of DOE not giving the SHSAT this school year? | 请描述你对于教育局如果取消特殊高中考试SHSAT的担忧: |¿Cuanto preocupado estas sobre la posibilidad de la DOE no administrar el SHSAT este año escolar?



TAKE ACTION!

This has been a trying year on so many levels. And now because of the NYC Department of Education's failure to give the SHSAT as scheduled in early November thousands of parents and students worry that Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Carranza, who both oppose the test, are using the pandemic as an excuse to cancel the SHSAT.

<u>The Coalition of Specialized High School Alumni Associations</u> is mobilizing parents to take action. Visit <u>this page</u> for more information and to send an email to Governor Cuomo to oppose suspension of the test. It's important!

Concerned Parents of D2 are asking fellow district 2 parents to send emails to CECD2 council members and elected officials to complain about CECD2 Council Member Eric Goldberg. He misrepresented D2 families' at the Chancellor Town Hall. If you can spare 17 seconds, you can use their <u>simple tool</u> to send the email.

Share this link with friends and family: https://speak.nyc4.me/district2

G&T Research Survey

Gifted & Talented families, please consider helping a doctoral candidate do research on the topic. Ms. Jennifer Cosme of Hunter College is specifically interested in Hispanic and Black families' experiences, to elevate the voices of diverse families in gifted education.

To access the survey, please click here.

From Ms. Cosme: "Presently, there is not enough research on the experiences of the diverse families that comprise gifted programs. I invite your voice, as a parent/guardian, to be heard by taking a brief 15-minute anonymous survey on how families experience and navigate gifted programs."

If you choose to participate, please complete the survey by December 18, 2020.

Petition Links

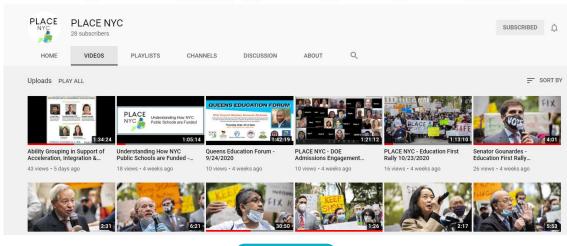
Visit <u>this page</u> on the PLACE NYC website to learn how to participate in several different petitions geared toward upholding high-quality education in NYC Public Schools.

PLACE NYC YouTube Channel

If you missed it, watch the event: Video of our Nov. 19 event on Ability

Grouping.





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Principals union chief says City Hall oversold full-time learning return (NY Post, Dec. 10) 'There has been a learning loss': NYC Education Department launching plan to address 'COVID achievement gap' (NY Daily News, Dec. 10) De Blasio promises delayed school admissions info by the end of the month (NY Post, Dec. 9) NYC Education Dept. to begin assigning teachers to jobs focused on creating curriculum for remote teaching (NY Daily News, Dec. 9) By Bending to the Teachers Union, de Blasio Repeatedly Fails NY Schoolchildren (Manhattan Institute, Dec. 8) 'A lost generation': Surge of research reveals students sliding backward, most <u>vulnerable worst affected</u> (Washington Post, Dec. 6) Save these schools: Keep the SHSAT for city schools, especially this year (NY Daily News, Dec. 6) Parents Plead for Consistency as Some NYC Students Head Back to School. Again. For Now (Gothamist, Dec. 6) Keep this year's SHSAT: The admissions exam for New York City's top high schools must go forward during COVID (NY Daily News, Dec. 4) Elite Public Schools Are the Poor's Best Hope (WSJ, Dec. 4) How Teachers' Unions Are Influencing Decisions on School Reopenings (Education Week, Dec. 2) Mayor de Blasio says 'substantial number' of NYC schools will offer 5 days a week of in-person learning starting next week (NY Daily News, Dec. 2) De Blasio unsure how many schools will reopen full-time (NY Post, Dec. 2) NYC Releases Racial Breakdown for In-Person Student Learning (the 74 million.org, Dec. 2) School Shutdowns Weigh on Test Results (WSJ, Dec. 1)

NYC schools will no longer have to close if they land in 'red' or 'orange' zone: state

officials (NY Daily News, Nov. 30)

Why School Districts Are Bringing Back Younger Children First (NY Times, Nov. 30)

NYS Assembly hearing on mayor's control of NYC school system in mid-December (NY Post, Nov. 29)

New York City Will Reopen Elementary Schools and Phase Out Hybrid Learning (NY Post, Nov. 29)

U.S. public school enrollment drops as parents, frustrated by lockdown, pull their children out (NY Times, Nov. 28)

Upcoming Education Meetings

(Subject to Change)

MONDAY, DEC. 14

Panel For Educational Policy (PEP) meeting, 6 pm Registration will open at 5:30 pm https://learndoe.org/pep/dec14/

CEC6 (Manhattan) Business & Calendar meeting, 5:30 pm https://sites.google.com/schools.nyc.gov/district6https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806656278?pwd=SWhiM3hLdGVFY25yVUI5aTZoMUNIdz09

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

CECI (Manhattan) Business and Calendar meeting, 5 pm www.cecInyc.org https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85438637546?
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CECI5 (Brooklyn) Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm www.cecdl5.org

CECI7 (Brooklyn) Calendar meeting, 6:30 pmwww.cecl7.orghttps://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/84516725266?

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CECI3 (Brooklyn) Business & Calendar meeting, 7 pm www.cecl3brooklyn.org

https://www.cecl3brooklyn.org/event-info/cec-meeting-and-district-13-race-and-equity-town-hall-resource-equity

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

CEC3 (Manhattan) Business & Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm www.cec3.org

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CEC5 (Manhattan) Business & Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm www.cec5.org

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqdu-vpjstHdzdGMCKi-WEjiCLazgLldT

CEC75 (Students with Special Needs and/or an IEP) Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm www.cecd75.orghttps://zoom.us/j/2343185129

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council (CPAC), 9:30 am
A link for the live streaming of this meeting will be posted at 9:15 am on the day of the meeting at www.cpacnyc.com

CEC32 (Brooklyn) Business and Calendar meeting, 6 pm www.cec32.org

MONDAY, DEC. 21

CEC27 (Queens) Business and Calendar meeting, 6:30 pm www.cdec27.org

https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/82336539626? pwd=OWh2SDNuMWkINjIIVG0xQkErZGZYZz09



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