



## ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Specialized High Schools

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to examine the admission process and access to New York City's specialized high schools.

#### **New York City**

Friday, May 10, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Assembly Hearing Room

250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, New York 10007

### **ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

There are nine specialized high schools in New York City: Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts; The Bronx High School of Science; The Brooklyn Latin School; Brooklyn Technical High School; High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College of New York; High School of American Studies at Lehman College; Queens High School for the Sciences at York College; Staten Island Technical High School; and Stuyvesant High School. Admission to these selective public schools is based solely on the Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT), except for the Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School, which is based on a competitive audition and review of student records. The SHSAT is an examination which measures a student's ability to comprehend English prose, demonstrate understanding of revising and editing skills central to writing in English, and the use of problem-solving skills in mathematics.

Recent reports have highlighted the issue of diversity among students admitted to New York City's specialized high schools. The purpose of this hearing is to hear from various stakeholders and to have an open dialogue on the admission process and access to the specialized high schools.

Persons invited to present testimony should complete and return the enclosed reply form no later than Friday, May 3, 2019. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to **five (5) minutes** duration. Witnesses are encouraged not to read their statements verbatim, but to instead summarize the key points raised therein. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

**Twenty (20) copies** of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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**Michael R. Benedetto**

**Member of Assembly  
Chair**

**Committee on Education**

**PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM**

Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing on Specialized High Schools are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, May 3, 2019 and mail, email, or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on Specialized High Schools to be conducted by the New York State Assembly Committee on Education on Friday, May 10, 2019.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to **five (5) minutes**, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide **twenty (20)** copies of my prepared statement.
- I would like to be invited to make a public statement at the hearing.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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- I do not plan to attend the public hearing.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:**

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