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# **CM CHIN JOINS CHANCELLOR CARRANZA TO ANNOUNCE EXPANSION OF MILLENNIUM HIGH SCHOOL**



**FINANCIAL DISTRICT** – Today, Council Member Margaret S. Chin joined Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza and Millennium High School faculty and students to celebrate the school’s victory in acquiring a new floor in its building. This expansion will offer an additional 25,000 square feet – with 5,000 square of physical education space – in the highly sought-after school.

“With more and more families coming downtown to start their lives, the Financial District is quickly growing more residential. We need to make sure that our schools have the space and

amenities to account for their needs. After working with Principal McEvoy, parents and community leaders, I am thrilled that Mayor De Blasio and Chancellor Carranza have shared our commitment to support Millennium High School’s long-awaited expansion,” said **Council Member Chin**.

“It’s no secret that space is hard to come by in New York City, which is why we’re so excited to invest in Millennium High School and add another floor for students in the coming years,” said **Chancellor Carranza**. “Students are already thriving in this school, and with more space to learn and grow, I can’t wait to see what they achieve. Thank you to Councilmember Chin and the School Construction Authority for their continued partnership!”

“The Millennium community is most grateful to Councilmember Chin and Chancellor Carranza for dedicating the energy, attention, and resources to make this expansion happen,” said **Principal Colin McEvoy**. “The new space will transform student experience by allowing us appropriate physical education and instructional space on the 14th floor. The additional floor will also allow us to refine how we use our existing floors to support academics, athletics, and the arts.”

Millennium High School serves a diverse student population of 675 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders – with a majority living in Manhattan. For years, Council Member Chin and her colleagues in government have been working with the parents and staff of Millennium High School to push City Hall to provide funding to

acquire and renovate the 14<sup>th</sup> floor of its building. As a result of this community-wide effort, the school will soon see:

- 5 new classrooms
- 5,000 square feet of physical education space
- Updated security camera system
- A new staircase connecting all its floors

"Millennium High School's long-awaited expansion is a laudable development that will increase opportunities for students," said **Senator Brian Kavanagh**. "I congratulate and thank the students and families, Principal Colin McEvoy and the faculty and staff, community leaders, Chancellor Richard Carranza and everyone at the Department of Education who worked on this, and of course Council Member Margaret Chin, whose tireless efforts support our scholars and future leaders."

"Millennium High School is Community Board 1's neighborhood gem, funded in part by \$14 million raised by Community Board 1 from the ashes of Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, in the efforts to revitalize our community," said **Tricia Joyce, Chair of the Community Board 1 Youth and Education Committee**. "Though it was built without a gym, it has become one of the most sought after high schools in the city, with over 6,000 applications for the average of 170 seats they offer each year. Our Youth and Education committee passed a resolution asking the SCA/DOE to allow Millennium to expand to the 14<sup>th</sup> floor and dedicate a good portion of the new floor to the long overdue physical activity space, along with the needed classroom space to serve the existing student population. It was passed unanimously by the full board, and after a long period of discussion and advocacy, the senior management at the SCA/DOE delivered. We are very grateful to them and we will continue to support Principal McEvoy in making the space serve the school to the full extent of its ability."

The project is currently in its design phase, with a projected completion by the 2022-2023 school year.

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