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## **COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN APPLAUDS MAYOR DE BLASIO FOR ADDING LUNAR NEW YEAR TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR**

*New York, NY*—In response to the Mayor’s announcement that he would be adding Lunar New Year to the school calendar, **Council Member Margaret Chin** released the following statement:

“I am thrilled that the Mayor is keeping his commitment to put Lunar New Year in the school calendar for next year. Finally, students of Asian descent will not be forced to choose between observing the most important holiday of the year and missing important academic work. Lunar New Year is a deeply important cultural observance for nearly fifteen percent of public school students, and this designation gives Lunar New Year the respect and recognition it has long deserved.”

Council Member Chin was the sponsor [Resolution 48-2015](#) in the Council, which called Lunar New Year to be added as a holiday to the school calendar.

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