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### ***CM CHIN RESPONDS TO REPORT OF EXCEPTIONALLY LOW NUMBER OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO CITY'S SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOLS***

NEW YORK — Council Member Margaret S. Chin called for the City Council to pursue every option to increase diversity across city schools in response to a *New York Times* report noting the abysmally low number of African American and Latino students admitted into specialized high schools:

“The exceptionally low number of African American and Latino students accepted to our selective high schools is appalling. Though we need to expand opportunities for students of every background, it is clear from the numbers this year and in past years that we need to do more to increase participation specifically among African Americans and Latinos. We must continue to look at the root causes of segregation in all of our schools, which run much deeper than any test, as well as expand funding for our gifted and talented programs so that more of New York’s students can meet the high academic standards needed to get into a specialized high school. As the Council Member who represents Stuyvesant High School, and as a graduate of Bronx Science, I ask my Council colleagues to work together to bring diversity to every level of our City’s educational system.”

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