

Rally and Press Conference for SHSAT and G&T Tests Now!

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Statement from

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U.S. Congressman-Elect

NYS Assemblymember

While I'm physically in Washington today for incoming freshman orientation, know that I stand with you and those supporting our Specialized High Schools, SHSAT exam and Gifted and Talented (G&T) programs, just as I always have. These programs are critical to ensure that every New York City public school student is challenged in the classroom with academic rigor and can learn at their aptitude.

Sadly, Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Carranza are playing politics with our schools and with students' lives. When they attempted to dismantle our specialized schools and eliminate our G&T programs, we pushed back and won. But they continue to put their extremist ideologies and their special interest groups ahead of our students and are now using COVID as an excuse to reduce standards at our schools and dismantle the parts of the public school system that work.

It's already mid-November. Private and parochial schools are administering their admission tests and accepting students for next Fall. We need the SHSAT exam to be scheduled now. I call upon the DOE, Chancellor Carranza and Mayor de Blasio to stop delaying. Give us dates for the SHSAT, give us plans for G&T and screened schools admissions. Get to work, and stop exploiting COVID.

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