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CACAGNY Supports Latest Discovery Program Legal Challenge

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York (CACAGNY) supports the seven New York City students who petitioned the New York State Education Commissioner to declare invalid the mayor's implementation of the Discovery program for admissions to the Specialized High Schools.

See https://www.wsj.com/articles/seven-nyc-students-didnt-get-seats-in-elite-schools-so-they-asked-state-for-help-11555768800?mod=rsswn

The appeal notes numerous ways in which the Discovery implementation violates New York State education law, while the separate PTO IS 187 v. DeBlasio lawsuit, filed in December 2018, claims that the expanded Discovery implementation violates Federal law regarding racial discrimination and civil rights. The latter lawsuit, in which CACAGNY is a plaintiff, is ongoing and continuing.

Wai Wah Chin, President of CACAGNY stated, "Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Carranza's Discovery program is harmful and wrong in so many ways, starting with the way it was rolled out without any public hearing, and with its racially discriminatory intent to reduce Asian enrollment, to its detrimental impact on the schools and students of all races. The two legal challenges demonstrate that de Blasio and Carranza's Discovery implementation is wrong to the core.

"There is, for example, a gap of at least 72 SHSAT points between Discovery students and the lowest scoring student admitted by the SHSAT to Stuyvesant. That difference reflects an enormous difference in academic abilities, and imposes a staggering pedagogical burden to the school and its academic resources, which must then be diverted. This is unfair to current students who will be denied the diverted resources, and of course it is also unfair to 8th graders in that 72-point-range who were bypassed by Stuyvesant because of this ill-formed implementation of the Discovery program."