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Long-Suppressed Department of Education Study Says: SHSAT Predicts Academic Success

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York (CACAGNY) is pleased that the just-released NYC Department of Education study completed in **2013** found that the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (**SHSAT**) predicts well whether students will succeed in the Specialized High Schools.

Metis Analytics conducted this study using five years of admissions data, from 2005 to 2009, and followed the performance of admitted and unaccepted students for the first two years of high school following admission. The data show that those who passed the SHSAT and gained admission to the Specialized High Schools performed far better in a variety of measures than those who did not gain admission.

New York City Mayor DeBlasio has had this study for years, and suppressed the information. While Mayor DeBlasio said again and again that the test is unfair and biased, that the test does a poor job of selecting top students, and that the test should be replaced by multiple criteria, he had a study proving the opposite. His Education Chancellor repeated the same criticism of the test, saying that a single test is not valid for determining top high school students.

CACAGNY President Wai Wah Chin said, "We are glad that this study confirms that the SHSAT, an objective, competitive academic test, does an excellent job finding top-performing students. If the SHSAT did not find the top-performing students, other schools, not the Specialized High Schools, would have been the top high schools in New York City. Those schools, not the Specialized High Schools, would have produced 14 Nobel Prize winners, would have had the highest Regents and SAT scores, would have had the long list of accomplished alumni in science and technology, business, the professions, and politics. That's just plain commonsense. We must keep the Hecht-Calandra as it is."

CACAGNY First Vice President and Education Chair David Lee said, "It's an outrageous scandal that Mayor DeBlasio hid from the public for more than four years a study proving the validity of the SHSAT, while he led a political campaign to eliminate the SHSAT, a campaign that does nothing to address his titanic educational failures in Black and Hispanic communities."



Founded in 1895 in San Francisco, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance is the oldest Chinese American civil rights organization in the United States. CACAGNY is its New York Chapter: www.CACAGNY.org

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