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CACAGNY Applauds Councilman Holden's *New York Post* Op-Ed

CACAGNY heartily applauds “**Richard Carranza is NYC’s most overpaid nonessential worker,**” a May 15, 2020 op-ed by City Councilman Robert Holden in the *New York Post*. Indeed:

+ Carranza’s DOE traffics in racism:

- Carranza smears Asians that they think they “own” admissions to Specialized High Schools, while he pursues policies that seek to exclude large swathes of Asians from these Schools;
- His DOE-sponsored Center for Racial Justice in Education said Asian Americans “benefit from White Supremacy” by “proximity to White privilege;”
- He conspicuously took no disciplinary action against a widely protested CEC 22 member who dismissively referred to Asians as “some ... yellow folks”, and his DOE blocked and manhandled Asians --- only Asians -- from a public Town Hall he conducted at that CEC;
- He and his DOE engaged in extensive race-shaming against White parents who oppose such crazy policies as switching music schools admissions from music auditions to lottery;
- His DOE targets “white-supremacy culture” by attacking values such as “perfectionism,” “the written word,” and “objectivity,” and told school administrator in “implicit bias” workshops that “race equity” means favoring Black children regardless of their socio-economic status;
- His DOE posted a job opening that specifically sought teachers “of color,” allegedly to combat “toxic whiteness,” and his DOE is under a \$90M lawsuit for promoting Black administrators over demoted White administrators.

+ Carranza’s DOE traffics in fraud:

- His DOE engages in system-wide grade fraud, passing students who can’t do the work, don’t take exams, don’t even show up to school, so he can boast incredible graduation rates despite widespread illiteracy and innumeracy;
- He attacks standardized tests, the only independent check against his claims of educational success, because, he says, teacher-given grades are much more reliable for evaluating teaching effectiveness. Let that sink in.
- Then, Carranza destroys grades. Even though three-quarters of the year had normal in-person classes, he exploits Covid-19 misery, which only affects the last quarter, to void a whole year of grades and pass everyone. Had he not been caught, saying “never waste a good crisis,” he would have made these changes permanent.
- He boasts improved discipline in schools by quoting fewer suspensions, which he suppressed, while all over the Internet, teachers and students complain of school safety. It was only when aggrieved parents spoke up at a packed school auditorium with press and elected officials that Carranza acted on the sexual and physical assaults in that school for months. This without first accusing the parents of grandstanding, and elected officials of playing politics!
- He summons hate groups posing as parents to legitimize his “equity” agenda. Many of them are networked with organizations that get City funding. One leader of such a group attacked Specialized High School grads as “lacking in humanity.” Another attacked Asians as being “white adjacent,” and published an essay to caricature “Becky,” a well-known derogatory slang for White women. But Carranza ignored a poll of 1,000 grassroots parents showing 92% disapproval of his Covid-19 grading policy. Carranza’s claims of parental input are fraudulent.

+ Meanwhile, Carranza continues to fail Black and Hispanic students with his bigotry of ever-lowered expectations.

CACAGNY thanks Councilman Holden for speaking up for New York City parents, and urges New York State to set up an empowered Oversight Commission to supervise Carranza’s DOE based on real parent input.

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