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**Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York
Supports New York City Resolution 417 for
Gifted and Talented School Programs**

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York (CACAGNY) praises New York City **Resolution 417**, sponsored by **City Council Member Robert F. Holden**, to create more district Gifted and Talented (**G&T**) programs and classes, and to create a pathway for admission to Gifted and Talented intermediate school programs in New York City.

Resolution 417 addresses the need to keep and ensure that the highly successful district wide Gifted and Talented programs are in every NYC school district for both elementary and intermediate schools.

Resolution 417 also provides for several avenues to **G&T** programs. When implemented, this will create two types of Gifted and Talented programs that have both benefited many NYC students in the past and have been proven to be gateways to our great Specialized High Schools. Ensuring that all NYC students interested in pursuing high academic achievement have access to these programs will raise many students who are being left behind, particularly in Black and Hispanic communities.

Key points in **Resolution 417** are:

- Keep existing district wide **G&T** programs and have them in every district for elementary and intermediate school.
- For all elementary schools with four or more classes per grade, create at least one class in each grade for top performing students who gain entry through academic merit rather than through an admissions examination.
- For all intermediate schools with four or more classes per grade, create at least one class in each grade for top performing students who gain entry through academic merit rather than through an admissions examination. (What was formerly known as SP or Honors programs.)
- For district wide intermediate school **G&T**, utilize an admissions examination that uses a competitive and objective measure of scholastic achievement to create a pathway for admissions for students interested in entering a **G&T** program for intermediate schools.
- Students in elementary **G&T** who have met standards in a **G&T** program from kindergarten through fifth grade could receive automatic admission to a **G&T** program from sixth through eighth grade.

CACAGNY supports **Resolution 417** as a path to better education and a better pipeline for all groups of students, regardless of background, to excel and enter the best high schools in the city.



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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