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New York State Senator Reverend Ruben Diaz (D-Bronx) released the following statement in response to the New York City public school system's sex education mandate:

“I am troubled and dismayed that during his third term as Mayor, Michael Bloomberg intends to completely usurp the role of parents and implement a new sex education curriculum in the public schools.

In matters involving intimacy and human sexuality, parents have the right and the responsibility to be the primary educators. Many parents teach their children that these are private topics not to be discussed casually or in group settings.

Twenty years ago, a similar mandate was defeated. At the time, I was honored to stand beside Dr. Irene Impellizzeri when she served as Vice President of what was then the New York City Board of Education. During that time, there was opportunity for parental input. The parents were heard and they were respected. So were the children.

Now there is no formal arena for formal parental input. There is no opportunity for public hearings. There are no requirements that these regulations be open to public review and comment.

No accountability to the public, to the parents, and certainly not the children.

How sad for us all.”