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## Squadron Welcomes Announcement of First Class at NYU Applied Sciences Institute Next Fall

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### **Tech Triangle Bus Route to Launch Next Year, Connecting CUSP and Downtown Brooklyn with DUMBO, Navy Yard**

BROOKLYN -- Today, State Senator Daniel Squadron welcomed NYU and NYU-Poly's announcement that the new Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP) will launch its first programs and host its first class next fall.

For years, Squadron, along with his colleagues, urged the MTA to make use of its nearly-abandoned former headquarters at 370 Jay Street, which the MTA leased from the City.

Beginning last year, Squadron urged the City to award NYU's proposal for an applied science campus at 370 Jay. In April, the proposal was selected as the second Applied Sciences NYC winner.

CUSP will begin its programs at 1 MetroTech Center as work continues to make 370 Jay Street the school's permanent home.

Next year will also mark the launch of a new MTA bus route, which Squadron worked with the MTA to add, that will connect CUSP and Downtown Brooklyn with the rest of Brooklyn's

Tech Triangle, including DUMBO and the Navy Yard. Squadron and community stakeholders are currently leading the planning efforts for the new route.

Senator Squadron released the following statement:

"With CUSP launching its programs next fall, we're bringing a world-class applied science institute to Brooklyn and Brooklyn's incredible talent and vibrant tech scene to the world. I can't wait to welcome CUSP's first 50 students to MetroTech and, soon, to 370 Jay Street.

"I've long pushed to bring the nearly-abandoned 370 Jay Street out of mothballs. Now, this is a double win for Brooklyn that will put a keystone property to use while continuing to grow our community as a hub for innovation.

"And there's even more good news coming next year when the new Tech Triangle bus route launches, connecting CUSP and Downtown Brooklyn with our borough's other innovation hubs: DUMBO and the Navy Yard.

"Congrats to CUSP and NYU on this exciting milestone, and to the school's first 50 students who will undoubtedly move our borough and our city forward in new, dynamic ways."

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