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## Youth and Community Speak Out on Equity, Diversity and Admissions: The State of High Schools in New York City

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The poster features five portraits of New York State legislators: Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Senator John C. Liu, Senator Rosanne L. Peralta, Senator Zelfee Myrie, and Assemblymember Diana C. Richardson. Below each portrait is their name and title. The main title of the event is 'Youth and Community Speak Out on Equity, Diversity and Admissions: The State of High Schools in New York City'. The event is scheduled for Friday, May 10th, from 6 PM to 8 PM at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering, Bern Dibner Building, Pfizer Auditorium, 5 MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The poster also notes that testimony is pre-registration only, limited to 3 minutes, and that written testimony is accepted. An RSVP link is provided: <http://bit.ly/HSBrooklynForum>. For questions or more information, the poster suggests calling 718-643-6148.

New York State Senate Committee on NYC Education hosts Youth and Community Speak Out on Equity, Diversity and Admissions: The State of High Schools in New York City

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In January, over 70 high schools in NYC have been designated as “Struggling” by the New York State Education Department. This forum will explore what is happening at high schools throughout Brooklyn. As we consider a legislative remedy to the issue of diversity in the specialized high schools, this is an opportune time to evaluate the state of New York City’s high schools overall. While the conversation with regard to the specialized high schools is a necessary one, these eight high schools only serve a small fraction of students in the public education system.

Parents, Youth and Community Leaders will testify on issues including:

- Equity of funding at individual high schools - what are the resources and needs of your high school?
- The impact of co-locations
- Admissions to New York City’s Public High Schools
- Admissions to New York City’s Specialized High Schools and the SHSAT exam
- Transfer schools and the impact of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) regulations
- Availability of guidance, college prep and college admissions counseling
- Availability of libraries, gyms and space for programming

- Advanced Placement Classes – what courses are offered at each school
- Availability of student extracurricular activities and athletic programs

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To learn more, download the PDF. For questions or more information, please call 718-643-6140.

**To learn more about Senator Montgomery's work on education issues, visit:**

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/video/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-discusses-diversity-high-schools-nycs-124>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/in-the-news/velmanette-montgomery/mayoral-control-city-schools-may-end-near-future>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/in-the-news/velmanette-montgomery/advocates-pushing-bill-reduce-school-suspensions-they-say>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/velmanette-montgomery/state-senators-call-open-dialogue-and-consensus>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/2019/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-and-senator-jackson-sponsor-caucus>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-visits-urban-assembly-ua-unison-school-s>

## **To learn more about Senator Montgomery's work on Mayoral Control, visit:**

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/2019/velmanette-montgomery/senator-velmanette-montgomery-and-assemblyman-david>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-discusses-mayoral-control-new-york-city>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-calls-reform-mayoral-control-nyc>

Senator Montgomery discusses diversity in high schools, NYC's 124 struggling schools as designated by the State Education Department and the need to evaluate the NYC high school system as a whole.

**To learn more about Senator Montgomery's efforts to build an education pipeline into SUNY Maritime, download the timeline PDF and visit:**

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-reconvenes-harbor-school-working-group>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-receives-captains-award-new-york-harbor>

**For more information about Senator Montgomery's work involvement with historic Old Boys High School, visit:**

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-and-assemblywoman-wright-request>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/call-action-save-old-boys-high>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/velmanette-montgomery/old-boys-high-parents-teachers-and-students-rally>

## **To learn more about Senator Montgomery's work with transfer schools, visit:**

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/senator-montgomery-and-colleagues-fight-nyc-transfer-high>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/nys-education-department-revises-transfer-high-school>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/velmanette-montgomery/good-shepherd-services-presents-senator-montgomery-award-her>