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Dennis M. Walcott, Chancellor

Memorandum
From: The Office of Student Enrollment and Office of Portfolio Management
To: Community Education Council 30, Principals at P.S. 122, P.S. 150, P.S. 166, I.S. 126
Re: Summary of Changes to D30 G&T policies
Date: May 16, 2013

The DOE has engaged with the District 30 community over the past few months on a number of topics regarding district-wide Gifted & Talented (G&T) programs. This memorandum summarizes those topics, and any changes made to programs or admissions methods.

The DOE has made the following changes in response to concerns raised by the community:

1. **Opening a New "Gifted and Talented" Program at I.S. 126 Beginning in September 2013**

   The DOE has worked with the Community Education Council and Principal Angueira to create a new program at I.S. 126 modeled after the program at P.S. 122. In September 2013, this program will open with approximately 60 sixth-grade seats. Information regarding the new program can be accessed on the DOE website: http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Middle/Publications/NewSchools.htm#queens.

2. **Standardizing G&T Middle School Articulation Patterns**

   Admissions Information for Students Currently Enrolled in a District-Wide Elementary G&T Program
   Students enrolled in District 30 district-wide elementary G&T programs in the current 2012-2013 school year will articulate to either I.S. 126 or P.S. 122 for sixth grade.

   IS 126
   - Students currently enrolled in the G&T program at P.S. 166 articulate to the new program at I.S. 126 for sixth grade.

   PS 122
   - Students currently enrolled in the G&T program at P.S. 122 and P.S. 150 continue to articulate to P.S. 122 for sixth grade.

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Admissions Information for Students Entering Kindergarten in the 2013-2014 School Year

In order to create equitable access for all students applying to G&T middle school programs, all incoming kindergarten students for the 2013 school year will apply to these programs when they reach sixth grade. Although students in elementary schools will no longer automatically enroll in these middle school programs beginning in 2019, students will have the opportunity to enroll in their zoned schools, or apply to middle school options that best meet their needs.

Available sixth-grade seats at I.S. 126's G&T program and P.S. 122 will be offered based on student scores on the New York State ("NYS") Examinations in English Language Arts ("ELA") and Mathematics. More information regarding the District 30 Middle School Application Process can be found in the 2012-2013 District 30 Middle School Directory at http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/3F0B6145-486F-4078-BEB4-82BDD85CC804/0/201213D30MSD.pdf.

G&T students enrolled at P.S. 122 in the elementary school grades will continue to have priority to remain at the school for 6th grade.

Admissions Information for New Sixth-Grade Students Not Currently Enrolled in a District-Wide Elementary G&T Program

Students not currently enrolled in a District 30 district-wide elementary G&T program who are interested in applying for available sixth-grade seats at the new program at I.S. 126 or at P.S. 122 may rank each program on their middle school application. Available seats at each program will be offered based on student scores on the NYS Examinations in ELA and Mathematics. The OLSAT Exam for middle school admission will no longer be used for District 30 admission to middle school programs.

3. **"Gifted & Talented" Program at Mamie Fay (P.S. 122)**

P.S. 122 is a K-8 school that currently serves general education, special education, and G&T classes in the elementary grades and only G&T students in the middle school grades. There are currently no proposed changes to the admissions structure at P.S. 122 for students attending P.S. 122.

4. **Opening a New Citywide G&T K-8 School**

In addition to the above district-wide G&T changes, the DOE has issued a proposal to open a new citywide G&T school (30Q300). This proposal will be voted on at the June 19 Panel for Educational Policy Meeting. Further details regarding this proposal can be found at http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/June2013Proposals.htm.