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SCHOOL ALLOCATION MEMORANDUM NO. 71, FY07

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TO: **INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP DIVISION (ILD) SUPERINTENDENTS, REGIONAL OPERATION CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, and SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

FROM: Susan Olds, Executive Budget Directors

SUBJECT: **ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) INITIATIVE**

The Advanced Placement (AP) Initiative increases access for underrepresented high school students to rigorous curriculum associated with college-level coursework. A 1999 Answers in the Toolbox study by the US Department of Education found that a secondary school curriculum of high intensity and quality, such as that found in AP courses, has the strongest correlation to bachelor's degree completion and that the impact of secondary school curriculum is far more pronounced for African-American and Latino students than any other pre-college indicator of academic resources.

School Selection

Each region, Empowered Schools and District 79 were asked to nominate schools for consideration to the Office of Secondary Schools. Thirty-seven high school sites were selected and represent every region in New York City. Preferences in nominations were given to:

- Schools with substantial populations of underrepresented minority students;
- Schools with substantial number of students who are free/reduced lunch eligible;
- Schools that presently offer few or no AP courses or are in the initial stages of developing an AP program.

Support and Implementation

A successful Advanced Placement program is a collaborative effort between students, parents, teachers and school leaders. As such, schools, teachers, parents, and students need support to successfully implement the development of an AP program. As this program is in its second year of existence, schools will be provided with varying support based upon where they are in the development and implementation stages of a school-wide AP program. Therefore, based on implementation criteria, schools will be provided with the following fiscal support through tax-levy dollars.

Schools in Year 1 of Program Participation

- Appropriate (and on-going) support and professional development offered by the office of secondary schools and the College Board;
- Fiscal support for one course section (participating schools covered the cost of the second **new** course using school funds);

- The cost of the AP examinations for all students enrolled in the new courses;
- Funding for AP course materials for instructional materials

Schools in Year 2 of Program Participation

- Purchase of instructional materials for courses created last year and new courses this year;
- One new course section (schools may elect to offer a second section of a subject offered for the first time last year);
- Professional development provided by College Board and Office of Secondary Schools;
- Exam fees for students enrolled in courses developed in year 1 and year 2.

Additionally this year, the PSAT exam will be free for every 10th grade student city-wide as part of this initiative, and free for every 11th grade student thanks to the accountability initiative. An “AP Potential” report, based on the scores earned on the exam and produced by College Board, will be given to every school to assist with identifying untapped potential in students to participate in Advanced Placement courses.

Finally, the development of an infrastructure at the school and regional level is a key component of this initiative. By focusing on providing quality professional development to teachers, this initiative will help build capacity and sustainability in schools.

The attached table lists each school’s allotment. When scheduling funds, schools should use the following allocation categories: “**TL Instructional Programs HS**,” or the “**TL Instructional Programs HS D79**.”

Attachment

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FY07 Advanced Placement (AP) Initiative Allocation

| Region | Location | High School | Allocation |
|--------------|----------|---|------------------|
| 01 | 10X243 | WEST BRONX ACADEMY FOR THE FUTURE | \$13,188 |
| 01 | 10X414 | JOHNATHAN LEVIN HS FOR MEDIA & COMMUNICATION | 15,816 |
| 01 | 10X439 | BRONX HS FOR LAW & COMMUNITY SERVICE | 15,829 |
| 02 | 08X295 | GATEWAY SCHOOL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARC AND TECHNOLOGY | 15,357 |
| 02 | 08X540 | SCHOOL FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH. & LEARNING | 16,037 |
| 02 | 12X690 | MONROE ACADEMY FOR BUSINESS/LAW | 16,952 |
| 03 | 29Q494 | MAGNET SCHOOL - LAW/GOVERNMENT | 19,034 |
| 04 | 32K552 | THE ACAD. URBAN PLANNING HS | 13,472 |
| 04 | 24Q600 | QUEENS VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL HS | 17,164 |
| 05 | 19K660 | WM H MAXWELL VHS | 15,681 |
| 05 | 23K697 | TEACHERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL | 15,540 |
| 05 | 27Q410 | BEACH CHANNEL HS | 17,402 |
| 05 | 27Q480 | JOHN ADAMS HS | 17,735 |
| 06 | 17K600 | CLARA BARTON VHS | 16,250 |
| 06 | 18K415 | SAMUEL J. TILDEN HS | 16,975 |
| 06 | 22K495 | SHEEPSHEAD BAY HS | 17,985 |
| 07 | 21K400 | LAFAYETTE HS | 17,959 |
| 07 | 21K620 | WILLIAM E GRADY VHS | 17,622 |
| 07 | 31R600 | RALPH MCKEE VHS | 19,512 |
| 08 | 13K499 | ACORN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL | 14,101 |
| 08 | 13K605 | GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE | 16,565 |
| 09 | 07X600 | ALFRED E. SMITH VHS | 15,823 |
| 09 | 02M655 | LIFE SCIENCES SECONDARY SCHOOL | 16,333 |
| 09 | 02M625 | HS COMMUNICATION GRAPHIC ART | 15,537 |
| 10 | 05M685 | BREAD & ROSES INTEGRATED HS | 14,723 |
| ES | 07X551 | BRONX H.S. OF LETTERS | 13,164 |
| ES | 10X546 | BRONX THEATRE | 16,193 |
| ES | 11X545 | BRONX AEROSPACE H.S. | 16,634 |
| ES | 14K610 | AUTOMOTIVE HIGH SCHOOL | 19,980 |
| ES | 15K462 | SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR LAW | 16,117 |
| ES | 17K531 | AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS | 16,136 |
| ES | 17K548 | BKLYN. HS FOR MUSIC & THEATER | 17,626 |
| ES | 02M298 | PACE HIGH SCHOOL | 13,891 |
| ES | 03M415 | WADLEIGH ARTS HIGH SCHOOL | 19,539 |
| ES | 03M470 | LOUIS D. BRANDEIS HS | 18,686 |
| 79 | 79M505 | EDWARD A.REYNOLDS WEST SIDE HS | 17,307 |
| 79 | 79M515 | LOWER EASTSIDE PREP | 15,271 |
| Total | | | \$609,136 |