



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Parents to Chancellor Fariña: “Inform ALL Parents of Their Opt Out Rights!”**

*Enough with inequitable access to information; enough with partial truths and misinformation; enough with the talking points from State ED! ALL parents should have CLEAR and ACCURATE information so PARENTS can make an informed decision about whether their child should take the state tests.*

**WHAT:** Press conference organized by NYC Opt Out (NYCOO), Change the Stakes, and NYS Allies for Public Education (NYSAPE)

With the state English Language Arts (ELA) exam set to commence on April 5<sup>th</sup>, parents will speak out about their experiences with:

- \* Principals denying their right to opt out;
- \* Unequal access to opt out information, with parents in low-income communities receiving far less than parents in middle- and high-income communities; and
- \* Vague and unsubstantiated threats about the consequences of opting out.

#### **WHO:**

Charlana Walker, PTA President, CASA Middle School, D11, Bronx  
Johanna García, Co-President, D6 Presidents' Council, Manhattan  
Charmaine Dixon, PTA President, PS 203, D22, Brooklyn  
Helen Rosenthal, NYC City Council Member, 6th District  
Jeanette Deutermann, founder, LI Opt Out & co-founder, NYSAPE

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016; 10am

**WHERE:** Steps of City Hall, NYC

*For more information about the sponsoring organizations, see our websites -- [optoutnyc.com](http://optoutnyc.com), [changethestakes.org](http://changethestakes.org) and [nysape.org](http://nysape.org).*