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**Council Member Dromm Joins Council Members, State Officials,
Parents and Teachers to Introduce a Resolution to Request
New York State Commissioner of Education, David Steiner Deny
Cathleen P. Black a Waiver**

New York, NY, November 17, 2010 -- At a press conference on Wednesday in front of the Tweed Courthouse, Council Member Daniel Dromm announced his support for a resolution to request New York State Commissioner of Education, David Steiner deny Cathleen P. Black a waiver to become New York City Public School Chancellor.

"The failed policies of the Klein administration in public schools are going to be repeated if in fact we allow Cathie Black to be given a waiver to become the Chancellor of the New York City public school system," said New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights). "The same lack of transparency in the decision making process, and lack of communication with parents, the public, and elected officials, is exactly what caused problems during the Klein administration. In addition, Cathie Black does not even meet the minimum qualifications to be a teacher. It would be tremendously demoralizing to those teachers who have worked so hard to achieve their accomplishments to have somebody who has no connection to the public school system tell everybody else what they're supposed to be doing."

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