



THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

GALE A. BREWER

COUNCIL MEMBER, 6TH DISTRICT, MANHATTAN

DISTRICT OFFICE
563 COLUMBUS AVENUE, AT 87TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10024
TEL: (212) 873-0282
FAX: (212) 873-0279

CITY HALL OFFICE
250 BROADWAY, ROOM 1875
NEW YORK, NY 10007
TEL: (212) 788-6975
FAX: (212) 513-7717

GBrewer@council.nyc.gov
www.council.nyc.gov

CHAIR
OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS

COMMITTEES
CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION
FINANCE
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
HIGHER EDUCATION
RULES, PRIVILEGES, AND ELECTIONS
IMMIGRATION

December 18, 2024

Melissa Aviles-Ramos
Chancellor
NYC Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chancellor Aviles-Ramos,

I write to advocate that the PEP approve the contract for the SHSAT test at the December 18, 2024 meeting, scheduled for this evening.

I understand that the contract for a digital version of the SHSAT will be reviewed. The paper format of this test expires at the end of 2024. If the paper format is not up for renewal and the digital test is not approved, then no SHSAT will be administered. That will leave the specialized high schools without a freshman class starting in the fall of 2026.

You lead a great school system, and the specialized high schools are part of it. We all need to advocate for more diversity in their student body but they need to have an entrance exam in order to offer seats to the incoming class.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale A. Brewer".

Gale A. Brewer