

June 29, 2018

The Honorable Richard A. Carranza
Chancellor
New York City Department of Education
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH)

Dear Chancellor Carranza:

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to request a meeting with you to discuss the vital need to create a Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) school on Staten Island. As you know, seven such schools exist in New York City, none of which are in our borough.

In a school system such as ours, in a city such as ours, that this educational inequity exists without being addressed is unconscionable, especially since funding is available through New York State P-TECH partnership awards. Governor Cuomo has allocated \$10 million in the newly-adopted budget for another round of P-TECH schools, and an RFP will likely be released in the fall. We believe we can present an extremely credible proposal.

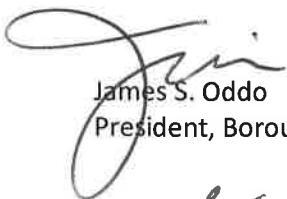
We have already established a relationship with Mr. Stanley Litow, who has indicated that IBM would be ready and willing to collaborate and/or partner with us to establish a P-TECH school on Staten Island. Mr. Litow has also expressed his desire to participate in any meetings that result from this request.

As you know, P-TECH public-private educational partnership schools are for grades 9 through 14, culminating in a free-of-charge Associates Degree. In an economy plagued by low-paying or dead-end jobs, schools such as these give some of our neediest students a very real pipeline to meaningful post-secondary employment. This has value beyond measure to our city and our society.

Why, then, have Staten Island students been excluded from this unique opportunity? It is only equitable that we right this wrong.

I'm confident you will agree that now is the time to explore the efficacy of establishing such a school on Staten Island, and I hope to hear from you regarding your willingness to meet and discuss moving forward with such a project.

Sincerely,



James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island

*P.S. I owe you good food
next visit to
Staten Island!*

