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Hon. James S. Oddo
Borough President of Staten Island
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Thank you for your letter to Dr. Linda P. Chen regarding the possibility of a Grades 9 – 14 (P-TECH) Career and College High School on Staten Island. We appreciate you sharing your insight and suggestions concerning this school model.

In May, our Office of Postsecondary Readiness (OPSR) spoke with Ms. Rose Kerr, Director of Education, from your office about the DOE's current strategies for increasing the number of Grades 9 – 14 (P-TECH) schools as part of our citywide CTE expansion. We are very interested in making this school model available to students in Staten Island and your team's input on the possible opportunities for collaborating with the College of Staten Island (CSI) CUNY and major employers in the community has been very helpful as we revisit this conversation with DOE leadership.

As we shared with Ms. Kerr, the DOE's strategy for the Grades 9-14 (P-TECH) expansion is to work with an existing district high school offering Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and to phase in the P-TECH model with the incoming 9th grade cohort starting in fall 2019. We have been having extensive conversations with all of the internal DOE stakeholders to determine critical decision points including the evaluation of Staten Island high schools with CTE programs in order to identify and narrow the list to one to two schools that meet the selection criteria and conditions needed for successful implementation. Afterwards, our new Chief Academic Officer Dr. Chen and Deputy Chief Academic Officer Phil Weinberg will consult with Executive Superintendent Anthony Lodico to make a final decision later this fall on the school site.

In addition to identifying the school site, we are examining labor market trends in Staten Island in order to determine an industry partner as well as the appropriate course of study towards an Associates Degree required for entry into the designated sector. Based on the NYC Quarterly Labor Market briefs from the past two fiscal years, the three most in-demand sectors are healthcare, retail trade, and construction. Your guidance in the identification of the appropriate sectors and recruitment of appropriate business partners in the community to serve as the anchor industry partner for the Grades 9-14 school partnership is critical, and with such, we would welcome your continued support in this area.

Lastly, the DOE is consulting with CUNY about the College of Staten Island (CSI) serving as the possible anchor college partner and exploring the corresponding Associates' degree pathway for the prospective Grades 9 – 14 school. Our aim is to have the school site, industry partner(s), and college partner identified by the beginning of the 2019 calendar year in preparation for the required planning period during February through July 2019 for all partners to convene. We will, of course, keep your office apprised throughout this process.

We truly appreciate your determination to make this popular program a reality in your Borough.

Thank you again for your letter and for your continued advocacy on behalf of New York City's public school students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Scarangelo', written in a cursive style.

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