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Press Statement

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AFC Statement on Chancellor Carranza's Departure and Meisha Porter's Appointment

February 26, 2021 (NEW YORK CITY) — *Today, Kim Sweet, Executive Director of Advocates for Children of New York (AFC), issued the following statement in response to the announcement that Chancellor Carranza would be stepping down from his position:*

We thank Chancellor Carranza for his three years of dedicated leadership and hard work on behalf of New York City students and their families, especially in the face of unprecedented challenges this past year.

We also congratulate Meisha Porter on her historic appointment as the first Black woman to lead New York City's school system. She definitely has her work cut out for her. At this critical moment, NYC needs an ambitious education recovery plan to restore hope and opportunity to a generation of students that has experienced significant learning loss and trauma. We look forward to working with the incoming Chancellor to meet the needs of students and their families in the challenging months ahead.

About Advocates for Children of New York (AFC)

Since 1971, Advocates for Children of New York has worked to ensure a high-quality education for New York students who face barriers to academic success, focusing on students from low-income backgrounds who are at greatest risk for failure or discrimination in school because of their poverty, disability, race, ethnicity, immigrant or English Language Learner status, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, or involvement in the foster care or juvenile justice systems. AFC uses four integrated strategies: free advice and legal representation for families of students; free trainings and workshops for parents, communities, and educators and other professionals to equip them to advocate on behalf of students; policy advocacy to effect change in the education system and improve education outcomes; and impact litigation to protect the right to quality education and compel needed reform.