



Advocates for Children of New York
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Press Statement

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December 8, 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 of David Banks as the next schools Chancellor:*

We congratulate longtime school leader David Banks on being named the next Chancellor of the New York City public schools. He will take the helm of the nation's largest school district at a critical moment, when the pandemic has led to both unprecedented challenges and new opportunities to re-envision the role of public education and create long-lasting change. We look forward to working with Banks and the incoming administration to build a more equitable and inclusive school system that provides all students with an excellent education.

We also thank current Chancellor Meisha Porter for her leadership and hard work on behalf of New York City students and their families during a tremendously difficult year.

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.