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## **Statement on Announcement of Melissa Aviles-Ramos as Next Schools Chancellor**

**September 25, 2024 (New York, NY)** — *Kim Sweet, Executive Director of Advocates for Children of New York (AFC), issued the following statement in response to the announcement of Melissa Aviles-Ramos as the next schools Chancellor:*

We congratulate Deputy Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos on being named the next Chancellor of New York City Public Schools (NYCPS). As a long-time educator and current leader of NYCPS' family and community engagement efforts, she will bring a deep understanding of the systemic challenges facing the largest school system in the nation to the role.

We look forward to working with the incoming Chancellor to build on the work being done through initiatives like NYC Reads and other ongoing efforts to provide all students with an excellent education, including students whose needs are too often overlooked.

We thank Chancellor Banks for his decades of service to NYC students and for focusing attention and resources on improving the way schools teach young children to read.

### **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.*