

**Tom Allon, former Stuyvesant High School English teacher and 2013 NYC Mayoral Candidate:**

"I am delighted to hear that the NAACP LDF has decided to bring a complaint against New York City's specialized high schools and their unintentionally biased entrance exam.

"For the past two years, I have been writing and advocating about this problem, which has resulted in a precipitous decline in the African-American and Latino populations at Stuyvesant and Bronx Science in the past decade.

"We must find a fair solution to this age-old problem. One idea I have proposed is to guarantee every middle school valedictorian from the five boroughs admission to the specialized high school of their choice. This will properly incentivize middle school students to strive to be the best in their class and will help insure geographic and racial diversity at these top high schools."