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## **Statement by José Calderón, President of the Hispanic Federation, regarding the Complaint Filed with U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights on NYC's Specialized High School Admissions Process**

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**New York, NY September 27, 2012** – "New York City's specialized high school admission process fails to give too many gifted, hard-working Latino and black students a fair shot at a great education," said Jose Calderon, President of the Hispanic Federation. "In a city where 40 percent of public-school students are Latino, it's unacceptable that schools like Stuyvesant only admit a Latino population of 3 percent. It's time for the city and state to end the single-test admission policy and truly evaluate each student's academic record and promise."

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