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## Make Your Voice Heard at 12/11 Forum on State Education Reforms

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Parents, make your voices heard!

On December 4, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) finally announced a series of forums in New York City to discuss with parents and educators the Common Core Standards, testing, student privacy, and other education reforms approved by the State Board of Regents.

**The Manhattan Forum will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11 at the Spruce Street School, 12 Spruce Street, between Nassau and William Streets (A C J M Z 2 3 4 5 trains to Fulton Street).**

Click [here](#) to see NYSED's full schedule of Community Forums.

Regrettably this announcement, which has not been well publicized, came just one week before the scheduled Manhattan forum and more than one month after I questioned both the [State Education Commissioner](#) and the [Board of Regents Chancellor](#) about NYSED's disappointing decision to leave New York City off the initial list of school districts in which forums would be held.

I am dismayed by NYSED's lack of meaningful engagement with parents and educators

throughout the entire process of adopting the Common Core Standards and other recent reforms. Despite the lack of notice it is still important that we take this opportunity to let the Department hear the voices of New York City parents. Please come to the forum on December 11 and help spread the word to others.