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Legal Aid Urges Approval of Amended Regulations by New York City Public School Chancellor

Proposed changes will help ensure students facing attendance challenges receive support

(NEW YORK, NY) — **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement ahead of tonight's [vote](#) by the Panel for Educational Policy on amended Regulations A-210 and A-750 proposed by New York City Public School Chancellor Kamar H. Samuels governing school responses to student absenteeism and educational neglect concerns:

“The Legal Aid Society urges the Panel for Educational Policy to approve the amended Chancellor’s Regulations. These changes represent an important step toward better addressing the needs of students experiencing attendance challenges – especially students with school avoidance – and ensuring that schools respond to chronic absenteeism with support rather than punishment.

“The amended regulations appropriately clarify that absences alone do not constitute educational neglect and promote a more thoughtful, productive approach that connects students and families with the services they need to succeed. We encourage the Panel to approve these commonsense reforms and help ensure that every student has the opportunity to remain engaged in their education.”

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