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**PACE Hosts 5th Annual NYC Citywide Schools Forum –
“The Parent's Perspective on Citywide G&T Education”**

New York, NY, April 8, 2016 – PACE (the Parents' Alliance for Citywide Education) will hold its 5th Annual Spring Parents' Forum “The Parents' Perspective on Citywide G&T Education” providing information about New York City's Citywide Gifted & Talented (G&T) K-8 schools. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 20, from 6:30 to 8 pm, at the Anna Silver School (PS 20) in Manhattan. This event is created solely by parents of children at Citywide G&T schools. It is not officially sponsored by any of the Citywide schools nor by the Department of Education.

Joyce Szufliita, an independent consultant and founder of NYC School Help, LLC, will moderate the event. A representative from the NYC Department of Education's Office of Student Enrollment will also be in attendance. Admission is free and open to the public.

Parent representatives from each of the Citywide G&T schools will be present at the forum. Current parents of Citywide G&T elementary students will share the unique aspects and challenges of their schools in the format of a panel discussion followed by a question and answer session. Questions likely to be addressed include: How is a Citywide G&T school different from a District G&T program? How are the Citywide schools different from each other? How are they the same? What enrichments are offered at each of the schools?

PACE is an organization founded by parent volunteers who represent each of New York City's Citywide G&T schools and programs: The Anderson School on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, Brooklyn School of Inquiry, NEST+m on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, STEM Academy at PS 85Q (grades 3-5 in 2016/17) and The 30th Avenue School (Q300) (grades K-3, 6-8 in 2016/17) in Astoria, Queens, & TAG Young Scholars in East Harlem, Manhattan.

PACE seeks to advance Citywide G&T education through advocacy, outreach, and coalition building. PACE's activities include:

- Monitoring relevant education policy and issues,
- Educating elected officials and other community leaders about Citywide G&T programs,
- Advocating for existing and new Citywide G&T schools and programs, and
- Sharing experience, learning, and practices among parents at Citywide G&T schools and programs.

Citywide schools are G&T schools which accept applicants from any of NYC's five boroughs based on results of Department of Education G&T testing.

Details

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 20, 6:30-8 pm **Free and Open to the Public**
Location: Auditorium at PS 20 - Anna Silver School, 166 Essex St. (at Houston St.), NYC
Questions: Contact Katie Sperling, info@citywideschools.org