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**\*\*\*Media Advisory Tuesday, June 14, 11 a.m., Annenberg Institute for School Reform, 233 Broadway, Suite 720, NYC\*\*\***

**Report from National Education Researchers Shows NYC Community Schools Will Need At Least 5 Years to Show Lasting Improvement**

**The Key Findings of the Report Question City’s Decision to Allow Funding for 12 Community Schools in the State’s Community School Grant Initiative to Expire after 3 Years.**

**WHAT:** On June 14, a new report from the National Education Policy Center at the University of Colorado, Boulder, will be released showing that community schools, like other school transformation efforts, need at least five years or more to create lasting school improvement and reduce barriers to achievement in a measurable way. While interim results may be visible in the short term, schools generally achieve only partial implementation of their change goals in the first three or four years. Larger scale change efforts take five years or longer to show results. Furthermore, school improvement efforts like community schools must be sustained for the long term; they cannot be dropped in and out of schools as funding cycles change, and expect the impacts to last. These findings have implications for the city’s decision to allow funding to expire for 12 state-funded community schools in the Community Schools Grant Initiative (CSGI), as well as for the city’s 130-school Community Schools Initiative at large. Coalition members will call on the City to heed the findings and renew funding for CSGI schools.

This is the first report of its kind to put the New York City Community Schools Initiative into national context and show what is required for community schools to succeed and tackle challenges related to concentrated poverty and other external factors that can hamper the ability of students to learn.

The core presentation of the report from education researchers and key stakeholders will run from approximately 11 to 11:30 a.m. and then there will be a Q&A for media from 11:30 to noon.

**WHO:** Education policy experts; leaders of the Coalition for Community School Excellence and CBO partners from Community School Grant Initiative schools; parent leaders and others involved in strengthening public schools in New York City.

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