## YOU OR YOUR CHILD MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY A PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT ABOUT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE BRONX

You or your child might be a member of a proposed settlement class if you or they are:

- A current student at a DOE school in the Bronx who had one or more related services (like occupational therapy, speech therapy, or counseling) on their IEP between July 27, 2015 and today.
- A former Bronx DOE student who had one or more related services on their IEP between July 27, 2015 and today, was issued a related service authorization ("RSA)" voucher for one or more of those services, and did not receive those services between July 27, 2015 and March 13, 2020.

In 2017, a lawsuit called *M.G. v. New York City Department of Education* was filed against the New York City Department of Education (DOE). The case claimed that the DOE failed to provide related services (like occupational therapy, speech therapy, or counseling) to some Bronx students who had related services listed on their IEPs and whose families received related service authorization ("RSA") vouchers.

In 2021, the DOE settled the lawsuit by agreeing to take steps to improve the way related services are provided to Bronx students, including how the DOE supports families who have received an RSA voucher for services. The DOE also agreed to provide make-up services for students who have missed related services in relation to receiving an RSA.

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