

To: Putative Class Members in *John Doe #1 et al v. New York City Department of Education*, 16-CV-1684
From: Walden Macht & Haran LLP
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Re: Comments to the Amended Proposed Settlement

John Doe # 1, et al. v New York City Department of Education, 16-CV-1684 is a class action lawsuit that began in 2016 in federal court in Brooklyn. The 23 plaintiffs are students who allege, among other things, that the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) did not properly investigate or take appropriate action in response to their claims of bullying by other students and/or physical or verbal abuse by DOE staff. DOE denies any wrongdoing, and the Court has not made a decision regarding the plaintiffs’ claims. The parties have agreed to a settlement which must be approved by the Court. The proposed settlement is available at: <http://wmhlaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/John-Doe-1-et-al-v.-DOE-Proposed-settlement.pdf>.

Under the settlement, the putative class is comprised of students in grades K-12 in DOE schools who have been the victims of bullying, harassment, intimidation and/or discrimination by other students or physical or verbal abuse by DOE staff.

On June 26, 2018, the Court held a hearing to consider the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the proposed settlement. At the hearing, the Court ordered that the record shall remain open until July 3, 2018 to allow members of the putative class to submit any comments they may have concerning the settlement.

If you would like to submit a comment or would like additional information about the lawsuit and settlement, please contact Johnson Lin by email (jlin@wmhlaw.com) or telephone (212-335-2039).