



## **Student Advisory Panel** **on Accessibility in NYC Public Schools**

The ARISE Coalition and Parents for Inclusive Education (“PIE”), two groups focused on improving education for students with disabilities in New York City, are working together to create a Student Advisory Panel on accessibility in the NYC public schools. The panel will work with members of both organizations to identify specific concerns and make recommendations with regard to improving access and school culture for students with a range of physical disabilities. Through this work, students will learn about how city government works, meet with key elected and appointed officials, and potentially have the opportunity to speak with local press about the panel’s concerns and recommendations. Students interested in joining the Student Advisory Panel should complete the application below by February 28, 2018. If selected to be on the Panel, students will be asked to commit to monthly meetings during the school year through June 2019. The Panel is open to students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades.

### **Application for Student Advisory Panel for Accessibility**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age/Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Disability:** \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate page, in a few paragraphs (no more than ½ a page), please tell us about yourself and let us know why you want to be part of the Student Advisory Panel. You may include, but do not need to, any ideas you would want the Student Advisory Panel to address and what you hope to gain from participating in the Student Advisory Panel.

Applications should be emailed to Jackie Okin Barney at [jaclyn@jaclynokinbarney.com](mailto:jaclyn@jaclynokinbarney.com) by **February 28, 2018**. If you need to submit an application in a different way, please contact Jackie.

For questions or to obtain an application in an alternate format, please contact Jackie Okin Barney at [jaclyn@jaclynokinbarney.com](mailto:jaclyn@jaclynokinbarney.com) or 347-559-5098.