A consortium of Bronx School Districts 7, 10, and 11 in the Eastchester, Kingsbridge, Jerome Park, Van Nest, and Hunts Point neighborhoods within the borough of the Bronx, NY, is requesting MSAP funding in the amount of   to convert the following three schools into whole-school magnet school programs: The Laboratory School of Finance and Technology (X223), High School for Teaching and the Professions (X433), and the Bronx High School for the Visual Arts (X418). By the end of the five-year grant, the three schools will be serving a total of 1797 students in grades 6-12.

In alignment with NYC Schools Chancellor Banks’s vision for a reimagined student experience that centers career-connected learning for students reach long-term economic security, each magnet school will develop an innovative, theme-based program that provides college access, rigorous instruction, and enrichment activities to all students. The Bronx Inter-District Magnet Consortium will address the MSAP objectives by:

• Eliminating minority group isolation among Hispanic students at three schools by attracting a more racially diverse population through unique thematic programs which offer early college access coupled with career pathways and a strategic, aggressive, and targeted approach to outreach and recruitment and;

• Implementing research- and evidence-based instructional strategies that promote high levels of student achievement, to ensure magnet students meet challenging academic standards and are college- and career-ready; and

• Offering opportunities for students outside of their schools and boundaries of their communities to experience real-world applications of their learning; and

• Building capacity to provide equitable, rigorous, theme- and evidence-based instructional programs, ensuring sustainability of the program.