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SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR COMMENTS ON N.Y. CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BEING NAMED 2006 FINALIST FOR \$1 MILLION BROAD PRIZE

NEW YORK, April 5 -- The New York City Department of Education issued the following press release:

The Broad Foundation today announced the finalists for the 2006 Broad Prize for Urban Education, an annual \$1 million prize given to urban school districts that have made the greatest increases in student achievement (release attached). The Prize is the largest education award in the country given to a single school district. This year's finalists, chosen from among 100 urban school districts, also include Miami, Jersey City, Boston and Bridgeport. New York City was also named a finalist last year. Following is Schools Chancellor Joel I. Klein's comment on today's announcement.

"I am delighted that the Broad Foundation has once again chosen the New York City public schools as one of its finalists for the Broad Prize for Urban Education. The Broad prize acknowledges improved student achievement and reduced achievement gaps. New York City's schools have made wonderful progress in the past four years, both raising student achievement and, as our performance on the NAEP scores confirmed, shrinking the gaps among ethnic groups. All of us involved in the public schools of New York--students, parents, teachers, administrators and all staff--should be very proud of this, our second nomination as a Broad finalist."