



Caribbean American Chamber Of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)

CACCI Applauds Mayor Bloomberg's Appointment Of Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott To serve as Chancellor of the NYC Public Schools System

NYC. **Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg** appointed **Deputy Mayor** for Education and Community Development **Dennis M. Walcott** on Thursday, April 7, 2011, to serve as **Chancellor of New York City Public Schools**.

Since the beginning of the Bloomberg Administration in 2002, Walcott has served with distinction as Deputy Mayor responsible for all educational and youth policy. He also oversees and coordinates the operations of the Department of Education, the New York City Housing Authority, the Department of Youth and Community Development, and the Mayor's Office of Adult Education.

Walcott also reviews the activities of the New York City School Construction Authority, City University of New York, and the City University Construction Fund. Walcott also collaborates with community-based organizations citywide and coordinates policies concerning youth programs and adult education.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, in making the announcement of Walcott as the City's new Schools Chancellor, described the deputy mayor as "a key part of, and a leader on, all of our education reform initiatives."

Roy A. Hastick, Sr., President and founder of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI) applauds the mayor's appointment as "an excellent choice for the students, parents, and for the small business community." "I have worked with the deputy mayor for over a decade and can attest to the fact that at a time when our city is experiencing cutbacks and serious budgetary constraints, he brings a level of experience, sensitivity, sound judgment and management skills which will go a long way towards managing the school system that impact on New York City's 1.1 million school children and a budget of over 2.2 billion dollars,"

Deputy Mayor Walcott has been a strong supporter of Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE) and other minority communities of New York City. Hastick further explained what he described as a level of sensitivity and as someone of Caribbean Heritage, Walcott has demonstrated that he understands the culture and unique needs of the Caribbean American community. Deputy Mayor Walcott is a past CACCI honoree and during his tenure Walcott has addressed the membership of the Chamber on several occasions. "Over the years, he has worked very well with us and like Mayor Bloomberg, Walcott continues to support CACCI's Trade Center project and has been instrumental in helping to ensure that this bold economic and small business initiative comes to fruition during the current administration's tenure," Hastick said.

The board of directors of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry extends warmest **congratulations to Deputy Mayor Walcott** on his appointment as Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education.