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I want to thank Smita Deshmukh, Terzah Nasser, Aysha Schomburg, Robert Newman, and everyone at the Legislative Division that worked on this resolution. I am confident that a taskforce convened by the New York State Education Department, will be able to appropriately assess the cultural relevance of learning standards in grades K-12. Although our city prides itself on inclusiveness, our New York City education system has failed to reflect the cultural diversity of our student population. The creation and implementation of this taskforce would provide the research needed to make meaningful, long-lasting change in the standards used to develop curricula for our public schools.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annabel Palma".

Annabel Palma  
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