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COLEMAN SCHOOL SELECTED AS A NASET SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

The National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET) has designated the John A. Coleman School as a 2008-2009 NASET School of Excellence.

Selection as a NASET School of Excellence is the highest level of recognition a private special education school can achieve through this prestigious professional association. This distinction has been bestowed upon only eight select qualified licensed private special education schools in the State of New York and only four in New York City.

In order to be honored with this recognition, private special education schools must meet rigorous professional criteria and have demonstrated truly exceptional dedication, commitment and achievement in the field of special education.

The John A. Coleman School is featured as a School of Excellence on the NASET website (www.naset.org) as well as the website of the National Association of Parents with Children in Special Education (www.napcse.org).

The Coleman School, with an operating budget of \$15 million, provides special education for over 400 children from birth through 21 years of age. With campuses in Manhattan and White Plains, Coleman is a non-graded school that places children based upon their academic achievement, social development, level of physical development, and management needs. The School provides programming for early intervention, pre-school, school age, and special class in an integrated setting.

The Manhattan campus serves the in-house residents of the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, the only pediatric skilled nursing facility in the borough, housing 136 beds. The White Plains campus is the largest provider of center-based pre-school special education in Westchester County providing services to nearly 300 children from over 25 school districts in the local geographical areas of Westchester, Putnam, Bronx and Manhattan counties. The White Plains campus, located on the grounds of the Children's Rehabilitation Center, also offers home and community-based services. Both campuses are NYSED approved evaluation sites.

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Mission Statement – At the John A. Coleman School, children participate in exceptional educational programs that engage their unique abilities by adapting the learning environment and providing opportunities for creative expression and spiritual growth. To learn more please visit www.setonpediatric.org.

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