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## OPINIONS

### Letters to the Editor

#### Bronx H.S. of Science needs regime change

##### To The Editor:

I read with interest the article about Bryan Sans' resignation from Bronx Science because of the parallels with my own experience with principal Valerie Reidy. Her suggestions that Mr. Sans "had personal issues or probably a better job" flies in the face of the wording of his letter which states "...I thought Bronx Science was a place I could teach for fifty years." It is VERY clear from his letter that Ms. Reidy was the sole reason for his departure, as she was mine. Any job without her would be "better" be definition!

One needs to ask Ms. Reidy whether the recent departure of her longtime "right hand," Operations Assistant Principal Linda Weissman, was also for personal reasons, as well as those of her last two Pupil Services (guidance) APs, Alan Borer and Diana Ferrer, each of which lasted only a year. What about the several seasoned teachers who relocated to Scarsdale? And then there is the jack-booted Ms. Chang, current guidance coordinator, who is a

Reidy clone, and who will probably be picked as the next AP/PS.

In my hearing with the Department of Education, during which Ms. Reidy appeared by speakerphone, Ms. Reidy accused me of ghostwriting the anti-Reidy articles that have appeared in the *Riverdale Review*. (Just recently she allegedly accused me of writing Bryan Sans' letter, too.) During the hearing she also stated that I had been standing "on the school stairs" when I distributed "No Quack" flyers in 2005 — a lie. (That year she told the local instructional superintendent, Ms. Papaliberios, that I was distributing them inside the school — another lie.) Despite

opening comments from the Region One representative that the quality of my teaching was not in question, Ms. Reidy insisted in her closing statement that I never again be allowed to teach "at the primary, middle school or high school levels anywhere in the city." Why? Because I dared to call her a quack?

In Ms. Reidy we are talking about a nasty, mean-spirited woman who takes the joy out of teaching bright students at a premiere high school. She micro-manages by intimidation and fear. She has lost the meaning of ethics and truth. It truly is time for her to go.

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