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## Board eyeing Badillo

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Mayoral adviser Herman Badillo is on a short list of names under consideration to fill in for ousted Schools Chancellor Rudy Crew, a Board of Education member said yesterday.

"The name is out there," board member Jerry Cammarata of Staten Island said. "He has excellent credentials. Herman has been an individual who because of his persistence has been able to change the landscape" at the City University of New York, of which Badillo is chancellor.

Badillo, a Democrat turned Republican who has led the charge to end remedial education at CUNY's senior colleges,

### Could replace Crew, S.I. member says

serves as Mayor Giuliani's education adviser.

Board of Ed members will meet tomorrow to finish mopping up after last week's stunning vote to oust Crew, and a discussion about who to appoint as interim chancellor will top the agenda.

Businessman Robert Kiley, head of the New York City Partnership, also has been mentioned as a replacement, Cammarata said.

A final decision is expected to take up to a month, he said. Badillo, a career politician who

has said he plans to run for mayor in 2001, was tapped by Gov. Pataki in May to head CUNY's board. Critics attacked the choice, saying it cemented Giuliani's choke hold on CUNY.

Mayoral foes have issued similar warnings against giving Giuliani an unhealthy amount of control over the 1.1 million-student school system. Neither Badillo nor Kiley could be reached for comment.

A divided Board of Ed will face some of the year's most critical decisions beginning today — the start of a vacation week

that historically has been one of the district's slowest.

Crew, 49, has said it doesn't make sense for him to remain at the helm through the end of his June contract, and a buyout appears likely.

Cammarata said he expects the Board of Ed to conduct its own search for a full-time chancellor, rather than turning to professional headhunters. "It's more likely than not," he said.

The board voted, 4 to 3, Thursday against renewing Crew's \$245,000-a-year contract after a year of tension between Hizzoner and the educator.

Their once-cozy friendship shattered after Crew refused to support a pilot school voucher program championed by Giuliani, a likely U.S. Senate candidate.