



COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 30

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TO: CDEC 30 Members
Principals
PA/PTA Presidents
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Union Representatives

FROM: Community District Education Council 30

RE: December Calendar Meeting, December 13, 2021

The December Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 is scheduled for **Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM**. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Calendar meeting of Community District Education Council 30 will not be held in-person and will instead be held via teleconference. Instructions to access the meeting follows the agenda.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. **Superintendent Dr. Philip A. Composto, District 30 Respect for All Contest**

Essay Contest Winners

P.S. 234Q	Katerina Milonakis
I.S. 10Q	Lucas Beacco

Poster Contest Winners

P.S./I.S. 111Q	Sherlynn Perez and Nyiima Young
I.S. 10	Jessica Flores

- IV. **School Construction Authority: Briefing on the Amendment to the Five-Year Capital Plan
Public Comment on the Capital Plan Amendment**
- V. **Contracts for Excellence Presentation
Public Comment on Contracts for Excellence**
- VI. **Resolution #156 Requesting an End to Discriminatory School Dress Codes Followed by
Public Comment on Resolution #156**
- VII. **Dr. Philip A. Composto, Community Superintendent's Report**
- VIII. Public Agenda and Speaking Time
- IX. Adjournment

The December **Business Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 14, 2021**, at 9:00 AM. Guidance on how to access the meeting will be posted prior to the meeting.

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The next **Calendar Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, January 10, 2022**, at 6:30 PM. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Calendar meeting of Community District Education Council 30 will not be held in-person and will instead be held via teleconference. Guidance on how to access the meeting will be posted prior to the meeting.

*Wishing you and yours the very best of the
Holiday Season*

Community Education Council 30 invites you to a Zoom webinar.

When: Dec 13, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: CDEC30 Calendar Meeting

You must register in advance for this webinar:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yEc4mnFYRxOjrbsa6gGOzq

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Spanish Interpretation: Call +1 347-966-4114, Conference ID: 366 162 243#

RESOLUTION #156

REQUESTING AN END TO DISCRIMINATORY SCHOOL DRESS CODES

WHEREAS, dress codes force children, particularly girls, to feel objectified, sexualized, and blamed for student “distraction.” These codes not only shame girls for their appearance, but particularly affect youth of color, transgender, and gender non-conforming students.^[1]

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WHEREAS, federal law prohibits gendered language in dress codes^[2], yet schools often reference skirt/shorts length, crop tops, spaghetti straps, jewelry, bra straps, and tube tops, all of which are traditionally worn by girls.

WHEREAS, the only official Department of Education (“DOE”) policy regarding dress codes or school uniforms is codified in Chancellor’s Regulation A-665, allowing schools to adopt a voluntary uniform policy.^[3] This Regulation has not been updated since 2012 and does not apply to dress codes outside of uniforms.

WHEREAS, Dress code “guidance” is only referenced on the DOE webpage entitled “Guidelines on Gender Inclusion,” which states: “[S]chools may not develop gender-specific dress codes (e.g., require only girls to wear skirts). Dress codes must be written, enforced, and applied equally to all students regardless of gender and must be free of gender stereotypes.”^[4] Despite these guidelines, many DOE schools continue to discriminatorily prohibit dress based on gender and disproportionately comment on and penalize girls.^[5]

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, legislation was introduced to the New York City Council that (1) called upon the DOE to create an inclusive school dress code policy that complies with Title IX of the Federal Education Amendments Act and accounts for diverse cultures, gender expressions and body diversity; and (2) would require the DOE to report on dress code policies in DOE schools, including information about whether schools have dress code policies, ^[6]what those policies contain, including disciplinary provisions, whether those dress codes are posted to school websites, and information on dress code disciplinary violations^[7].

THEREFORE:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council for District 30 calls on the New York City Council to revisit and adopt Resolutions 1230-2020 and 1858-2020; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council for District 30 calls on all schools in the New York City Department of Education that have dress codes to revisit and revise those dress codes with the participation of their School Leadership Team in order to remove any portions thereof that would tend to single out and/or shame a particular gender or gender expression; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council for District 30 calls on all DOE schools to post dress codes and uniform policies on their school websites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council for District 30 calls on the New York City Council to revisit and adopt Resolutions 1230-2020 and 1858-2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council for District 30 requests an immediate review of update to Chancellor’s Regulation A-665 to (1) develop proactive, inclusive guidance for schools to create gender-neutral dress codes and (2) require schools to report their dress codes and how they are enforced to the DOE.

[1] *Id.*

[2] <https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/federal-appeals-court-says-title-ix-bans-discrimination-school-dress-codes#:~:text=%E2%80%94%20federal%20appeals%20court%20ruled,a%20condition%20of%20attending%20school.>

[3] <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/a-665-uniform-policy-wcag-2-0>

[4] <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/school-environment/guidelines-on-gender/guidelines-on-gender-inclusion>

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^[5] <https://www.ggenyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Suspending-Self-Expression-A-Report-From-Girls-For-Gender-Equity.pdf>

^[6] <https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4313332&GUID=4226983F-2EC5-4280-BF0D-08761A1EF498&Options=&Search=>

^[7] <https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4313333&GUID=2BCC5928-31A1-49D3-A405-D4F777D028B0&Options=ID>

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