



## COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 30

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

FROM: Community District Education Council 30

RE: March Calendar Meeting, March 14, 2022

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The March Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 is scheduled for **Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM** immediately followed by the Business Meeting. 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. Resolution #158 to Appoint Victoria Medelius, Followed by Public Comment**
- IV. Resolution #159 in Support of Universal Childcare, Followed by Public Comment**
- V. Resolution #160 Regarding Foundation Aid and Charter School Funding for FY2023, Followed by Public Comment**
- VI. Presentation: Fair Student Funding Followed by Q&A**
- VII. Dr. Philip A. Composto, Community Superintendent's Report**
- VIII. Public Agenda and Speaking Time
- IX. Adjournment

The next **Calendar Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, April 11, 2022**, at 6:30 PM. Information regarding the location will follow.

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## **BUSINESS MEETING**

1. Acceptance of Minutes
2. Upcoming Meetings
  
3. NEW BUSINESS

### **Community Education Council 30 invites you to a Zoom webinar.**

When: Mar 14, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: CDEC30 Calendar & Business Meetings

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vBDePHHWSG6NuaqAYg8bFw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vBDePHHWSG6NuaqAYg8bFw)

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

**Para servicios de interpretación en español:**

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**número de identificación de la conferencia: ID: 170 380 853#**

## **RESOLUTION #158**

### **TO APPOINT VICTORIA MEDELIUS**

WHEREAS, Community District Education Council 30, in strict accordance with Chancellor's Regulation D-140, declared a vacancy, advertised the vacancy position as required, conducted interviews to fill the Council vacancy, provided an opportunity for Presidents' Council and other members of the District 30 community to recommend candidates; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Community District Education Council 30 selects and appoints Victoria Medelius to fill the Council Member vacancy and to serve as a Council Member of Community District Education Council 30, effective immediately through June 30, 2023.

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## RESOLUTION #159

### IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL CHILDCARE

WHEREAS childcare is a public good; and

WHEREAS childcare must be free and accessible by all residing in New York State; and

WHEREAS access to free and quality childcare should not be conditional on a families' income or proof of income; and

WHEREAS families should be empowered to choose the childcare program that meets their children's needs; and

WHEREAS childcare teachers and providers must be compensated as their peers in public education; and

<sup>1</sup>WHEREAS childcare for an infant or toddler in New York could cost a family over \$2,600 a month or \$31,000 annually—more than the cost of college tuition at CUNY or SUNY; and

WHEREAS sixty-four percent of New York State families live in a “childcare desert,” where there are either no available childcare providers or far too few providers to meet families' needs<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS particularly in areas like New York City, Westchester, and Long Island, real estate prices are unaffordably high, and landlords charge rents that prohibit childcare providers from offering adequate care; and

WHEREAS much of the childcare workforce lives in poverty with “65% of childcare providers receiv[ing] such low wages that they are eligible for several social safety net programs such as food stamps or Medicaid” <sup>3</sup>; and

WHEREAS the state must invest \$5 billion in the childcare sector to ensure that families have access to childcare, providers are compensated accordingly, and a plan can be created to expand child care access to everyone who needs it; and

WHEREAS investments in the childcare sector should prioritize supporting our most marginalized children and families, including but not limited to families of color,

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1 <https://www.nysenate.gov/sites/default/files/childcareourreport.pdf>

2 Supporting Families, Employers & New York's Future: An Action Plan for a Strong and Equitable Child Care System: Final Report of the Child Care Availability Task Force. Accessed December 9, 2021, <https://ocfs.ny.gov/reports/childcare/Child-Care-Availability-Task-Force-Report.pdf>

3 <https://ocfs.ny.gov/reports/childcare/Child-Care-Availability-Task-Force-Report.pdf>

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families of children with special needs, low-income families, and undocumented families; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the District 30 Community Education Council supports all efforts to provide universal child care to all children and families in the state; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District 30 Community Education Council will be proactive in its efforts to promote and advocate for universal child care; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District 30 Community Education Council urges the State legislature and the Governor to include an investment of \$5 billion for universal child care in the State budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

## **RESOLUTION #160**

### **REGARDING FOUNDATION AID AND CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING FOR FY 2023**

WHEREAS, in April 2021, the New York State Legislature and Governor committed to fully phasing-in the Foundation Aid formula owed to NYS school districts by FY 2024 as a consequence of an almost three-decades-long campaign for equitably funded public education by students, parents, advocates, activists, organizations and elected officials<sup>4</sup>; and

WHEREAS, in October 2021, Governor Hochul settled the case of New Yorkers for Students' Educational Rights v. New York State, further promising this aid<sup>5</sup>; and

WHEREAS for FY 2023, an additional \$345 million in Foundation Aid will go to NYC Public schools, but New York City is obligated to increase aid to charter schools by \$200 million. This means 57% of the total state aid increase will go to charter schools; and

WHEREAS, from 2019 to 2021, New York City's public schools have received an average increase in this state aid of \$471 per student, while New York City's charter schools have received an average increase of \$2,325 per student; and

WHEREAS, in New York City, public schools enroll 1,033,669 students, while charter schools enroll 145,000 students - just 14% of all NYC students<sup>6</sup>; and

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4 [https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/education/ny-budget-foundation-aid-fully-funded-20210406-t4anq\\_cb5bvduvdmuto765ranei-story.html](https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/education/ny-budget-foundation-aid-fully-funded-20210406-t4anq_cb5bvduvdmuto765ranei-story.html)

5 <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-settlement-nyser-v-nys-case-fully-fund-fo-undation-aid-new-yorks>

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WHEREAS, 14% of students receiving 57% of the total aid increase is an imbalance; and

WHEREAS, State law mandates that local school districts pay tuition, based on a per pupil formula established by the State, to charter schools in their districts; and

WHEREAS, the tuition for charter schools in NYC for the school year 2021–22 will be \$16,844, not including facilities funds; and

WHEREAS, payments to charter schools are already diverting more than \$2 billion annually from NYC public schools, not including facilities funds<sup>7</sup>; and

WHEREAS, State law mandates New York City pay rent for Charter schools sited in private facilities, making New York City the only school district in the state and the nation with this financial burden, costing more than an additional \$100 million per year with the amount rising fast<sup>8</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the New York City school district is the only district in the state that is excluded from state Transitional Aid<sup>9</sup>, which helps local school districts offset the costs of charter schools. Consequently, NYC has lost more than \$2 billion in state aid since the 2012–2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, charter schools across the country have taken advantage of Covid-19 Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loans to acquire bailout aid, including NYC charter schools, who received approximately \$1.12 million per school<sup>10</sup>; and

WHEREAS, five charter schools are currently located in District 30, enrolling approximately 3,600 or 9% of the 38,000 3K–12 students in District 30; and

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6 <https://www.aqeny.org/2022/01/31/the-majority-of-nycs-school-aid-increase-should-go-to-the-majority-of-students/>

7 <https://council.nyc.gov/budget/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2021/03/DOE-Expense-.pdf>, pp.38

8 <https://secureservercdn.net/198.71.233.31/3zn.338.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Charter-School-Facility-Costs-10.21.19.pdf>  
[https://classsizematters.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CSM\\_DOE-Spending\\_Charter-Schools-Facilities\\_FINAL-3.21.pdf](https://classsizematters.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CSM_DOE-Spending_Charter-Schools-Facilities_FINAL-3.21.pdf)

9 [https://stateaid.nysed.gov/publications/handbooks/handbook\\_2021.pdf](https://stateaid.nysed.gov/publications/handbooks/handbook_2021.pdf)

10 <https://covidbailouttracker.com/>  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/13/us/private-schools-ppp-fundig.html>

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WHEREAS, unlike other city school districts in the state, District 30 is not compensated through Transition Aid for the \$60 million in per pupil tuition lost to charter schools; and

WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 30 is committed to advocating for equitably and sufficiently funded public schools for the children of the district and beyond; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that CEC 30 urges Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to take action in the 2022–2023 budget to ensure that the majority of the school aid increase is allocated to public schools serving the majority of students, including the 86% of students in traditional public schools; and that the Foundation Aid awarded to our district public schools as a result of the CFE case is not eaten up by increased payments to charter schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the state provide greater supplemental tuition payments to school districts impacted by charters; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the charter school tuition formula is revised to prevent adverse impacts on public schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State eliminates the requirement of NYC to pay rent for the charter school or provide space; and be it further

RESOLVED, that State law makes New York City eligible for Transitional Aid that other districts receive, as well as retroactively compensate NYC for the funding lost over the last ten years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Legislature *not raise* the statutory limit on the number of charter schools permitted in NYC, because any increase in the number of charter schools would further divert funding from our district public schools.

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