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

FROM: Community Education Council District 30

RE: August Calendar and Business Meetings August 14, 2023

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The **August** Calendar Meeting of Community Education Council District 30 is scheduled for **Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:30p.m.**, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room at 28-11 Queens Plaza North, Long Island City, NY 11101. You may also participate via Zoom. The Business Meeting will immediately follow.

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### **AGENDA**

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| I.    | Call to Order   | 6:30 |
| II.   | Roll Call   |      |
| III.  | Election of Officers: President or Co-Presidents, First Vice President,<br>Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer    | 6:40 |
| IV.   | First Public Comment and Speaking Time  | 7:10 |
| V.    | Resolution #173 In Support of Improving the Use of Random Numbers<br>for Admissions Placement, Followed by Public Comment | 7:25 |
| VI.   | Resolution #174 Requesting Increases to Community and Citywide Education<br>Council Budgets, Followed by Public Comment   | 7:40 |
| VII.  | Reauthorization of the Initial Budget Schedule for FY 2023-2024   | 7:40 |
| VIII. | Lisa Hidalgo, IA Community Superintendent's Report  | 7:50 |
| IX.   | Public Agenda and Speaking Time   | 8:20 |
| X.    | Adjournment   |      |

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The next **Calendar Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, September 11, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., immediately followed by the Business Meeting. The location is to be determined.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

1. Acceptance of Minutes
  2. 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule
  3. Liaison Assignments
  4. Committee Assignments
  5. Reimbursements
  6. Member Reports
  7. NEW BUSINESS
- I.S. 429 Parent Coordinator

## **RESOLUTION #173**

### **In Support of Improving the Use of Random Numbers for Admissions Placement**

**WHEREAS**, random numbers are assigned to an applicant when the application process is initiated for admissions to 3- K, pre-K, kindergarten, middle schools, or high schools<sup>i</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the random numbers are long strings of hexadecimal numerals that are used to determine the priority in receiving offers where the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats at a given program<sup>ii</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, an ascending order of the random numbers (0, 1, 2 ... 9, A, B, C, D, E, F) is used to determine placement priority, such that smaller numbers, e.g. - those that start with a zero, are most favorable versus large numbers, e.g. - those that start with the letter F, are least favorable; and

**WHEREAS**, an applicant can list up to 12 programs on an application, and the same randomly assigned number is repeatedly used in the algorithm to determine placement priority; and

**WHEREAS**, an applicant saddled with an unfavorable randomly assigned number is very unlikely to receive offers from any program that uses a random assignment method, because the unfavorable number is propagated to each of the applicant's choices in determining placement; and

**WHEREAS**, placement on waitlists using the same ascending order of random numbers in determining priority replicates the acute inequity in the placement process for applicants who draw an unfavorable randomly assigned number; and

**WHEREAS**, reversing the priority order used in the process for placement on waitlists, e.g. – using the same randomly assigned number but prioritized in descending order (F, E, D, C, B, A, 9 ... 2, 1, 0), can partially counteract the inequity of being assigned an unfavorable and immutable number; and

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**WHEREAS**, the algorithm to reverse the priority order of placements on waitlists should be relatively simple to implement. For example, calculating and using the “two’s complement” of the hexadecimal randomly assigned number effectively provides a quick and easy method to administer a descending order of priority without significant refactoring of code; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Education Council 30 (CEC 30) urges the Chancellor to direct the Office of Student Enrollment to alter the use of randomly assigned numbers such that a descending order of priority is used for placements on waitlists, while retaining the use of an ascending order of priority for the initial placement process.

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/enrollment/2023-nyc-public-schools-admissions-guide>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/how-students-get-offers-to-doe-public-schools/random-numbers-in-admissions>

## **RESOLUTION #174**

### **Requesting Increases to Community and Citywide Education Council Budgets**

**WHEREAS**, the budgets of Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCEC) have remained unchanged at \$25,000 since November 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, inflation rates have been abnormally high since 2020 because of COVID-19-induced disruptions to supply chains, energy price volatility due to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, and wage pressures in labor markets<sup>i</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the New York-Newark-Jersey City area, published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, was 279.468 in Nov 2019 and has risen to 321.290 in Jun 2023, a 15% increase<sup>ii</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, 15% growth for inflation, applied to the \$25,000 CCEC budget dating to Nov 2019, would increase CCEC budgets in FY 2023 dollars to \$28,750; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hochul signed Senate Bill S9459 on Jun 30, 2022, amending NYS education law to expand the composition of community district education councils from 11 voting members to 12 voting members by adding a member to represent District 75 (D75) schools and by increasing the number of student members from 1 student member to 2 student members<sup>iii</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, a D75 parent likely requires a reimbursement of childcare expenses to attend CCEC meetings, currently with an annual reimbursement limit of \$1,500; and

**WHEREAS**, an additional student member would be eligible to claim up to \$125 per meeting attended for data, internet, and transportation expenses, with a term reimbursement limit of \$1,500; and

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**WHEREAS**, a budget adjusted for inflation, along with an additional \$1,500 allowance for the new D75 parent and an additional \$1,500 allowance for the additional student member, increases the FY 19 CEC budget of \$25,000 to a total budget amount of \$31,750 in FY 2023 dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, travel expenses for members of citywide councils (Citywide Council for District 75, Citywide Council on Special Education, Citywide Council on English Language Learners, Citywide Council on High Schools) very likely exceeds the travel expenses of Community Education Council (CEC) members; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirement for in-person or hybrid meetings will now require more members to incur childcare costs that can also exceed the annual reimbursement limits for members, which limits the amount of these previously undistributed funds that have been historically reallocated for many District 30 programs, like the recently successful District 30 Family Fun Day where approximately \$8,100 of undistributed funds were reallocated for this program; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Education Council 30 (CEC 30) urges the Chancellor to immediately increase CEC budgets to a \$31,750 annual allocation and citywide council budgets to \$35,000.

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2023/beyond-bls/what-caused-inflation-to-spike-after-2020.htm>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/regions/new-york-new-jersey/data/xg-tables/ro2xgcpiny.htm>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2022/7/1/23191277/hochul-signs-nyc-mayoral-control-bill-into-law-with-a-tweak>.

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