



## COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 30

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December 1, 2020

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

FROM: Community District Education Council 30

RE: December Calendar and Business Meetings, December 8, 2020

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The December Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**, followed by the Business Meeting. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Calendar and Business meetings 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 Poster/Essay Contest Winners:**

#### Poster Contest Winners

**P.S. 122 Azana Karim**  
**P.S. 84 Safa Taj & Lucy Hobbie**

#### Essay Contest Winners

**P.S. 150 Syeda Hossain**  
**I.S. 10 Lima Yesmin**

- IV. **Quarterly Meeting With District 30 PA/PTA Elected Officers:  
Sharing Good News About Our Schools**

- V. Dr. Philip A. Composto, Community Superintendent's Report
- VI. Resolution #148 Opposing the Revised Blended Learning Opt-In Period
- VII. Resolution #149 Opposing Furlough of CDEC Administrative Assistants
- VIII. Public Agenda and Speaking Time
- IX. Adjournment

### BUSINESS MEETING

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes
2. NEW BUSINESS

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Next Meeting: January 12, 2021

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*Community District Education Council 30  
Wishes You and Your Loved Ones  
A Joyous Holiday Season  
& a Happy & Healthy New Year!*

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

When: Dec 8, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/99686138915?pwd=bHZEZ1Z3S3dXMHh5UE9CZm5PTjVXQT09>

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**Spanish Interpretation: Call [+1 347-966-4114](tel:+13479664114), Conference ID: 195 128 609#**

Resolutions follow:

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**RESOLUTION # 148**  
**OPPOSING THE REVISED BLENDED LEARNING OPT-IN PERIOD**

WHEREAS, when the Department of Education (“DOE”) released its plans for the 2020-2021 school year, parents were given the option to select fully-remote learning or default into a blended learning plan; and

WHEREAS, parents were informed in July and August 2020 that they would have opportunities at the close of each marking period (roughly in November 2020, January 2021, and March 2021) to opt into blended learning if they had previously selected fully-remote learning; and

WHEREAS, many families made major financial decisions about childcare, work commitments, and living arrangements in August/September based on the promise of future opt-in periods later in the school year, particularly after assessing the Covid-19 pandemic’s impact on New York City and its public schools; and

WHEREAS, neither the blended nor fully-remote learning model allows parents and guardians to work full-time, creating an untenable situation for many families; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2020, the Chancellor and Mayor announced that there would only be one opt-in period to return to blended learning (November 2-15, 2020); and

WHEREAS, before the first opt-in period in August, the Chancellor promised that every student would have daily, live instruction, whether in-person, blended, or fully-remote but (after the opt-in period closed) walked that promise back when it came to light that there was not enough staff to do so; and

WHEREAS, changing the aforementioned opt-in schedule is yet another example of the Mayor and Chancellor providing inconsistent information regarding reopening and blended learning as well as the City’s exclusion of school community stakeholders when making such decisions, betraying the City’s distrust and disrespect of families and school partners; and

WHEREAS, the timing of flu season (typically December through April) falls concurrent with rising numbers of Covid-19 cases nationwide, including in neighboring states, and the assessment of health experts that the virus will spread widely throughout the winter months when people spend more time indoors; and

WHEREAS, most families find that remote learning (whether full or blended) is deeply lacking in both amount and quality of live, synchronous instruction and far too many students continue to struggle with the format due to an absence of a working device or connectivity, mass non-compliance with IEPs, or their school’s continuing challenges in delivering at-home lessons with limited staffing capabilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Community District Education Council for District 30 calls upon the Mayor and Chancellor to honor their word and reinstate the previously promised quarterly windows for enrollment in blended learning.

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**RESOLUTION #149**  
**OPPOSING FURLOUGH OF CDEC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS**

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2020, the Mayor issued a Mayoral Personnel Order (“MPO”) requiring all non-represented city employees take five unpaid furlough days between October 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Assistants (“AA”) for Community District Education Councils (“CDEC”) are paid employees of CDECs, hired and managed by CDECs, and provide the institutional knowledge necessary to ensure continuity of information from council term to term; and

WHEREAS, although AAs are paid through the DOE funding stream, unlike a typical union-represented staff member, these non-contracted employees can be let go without notice for any reason; and

WHEREAS, many CDECs are currently without AAs due to budgetary constraints, less desirable wage offerings, and complications with the DOE hiring process; and

WHEREAS, AAs work tirelessly with CDEC members, the Superintendent, District Office, and school community members; and

WHEREAS, many AAs forfeited their summer vacations and did not take days off to allow for support and continuity of communications between our constituency and with our Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, targeting AAs to take a five-day unpaid furlough causes unnecessary hardship for these employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, CDECs rely heavily on the work of AAs for day-to-day operations, including, but not limited to, communications with school communities, meeting preparation, sending time-sensitive information surrounding programming, safety, and resources; and

WHEREAS, at a time when our families and schools are in crisis, it is irresponsible to remove support from local leadership that is essential in handling the day-to-day needs of our school community and stakeholders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Community District Education Council for

District 30 calls upon the Mayor and the Chancellor to waive the furlough requirements of Community District Education Council Administrative Assistants.

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