



## 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: September Calendar and Business Meetings, September 15, 2020

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The September Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, 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. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. **Community Superintendent Dr. Philip A. Composto's Supervisory Appointment Announcement**
- V. **Presentation: Department of School Climate and Wellness Followed by Q&A**
- VI. **Dr. Philip A. Composto, Community Superintendent's Report**
- VII. **Resolution #146 to Demand Expanded Internet Service for All New York City Families Public Speaking to Resolution #146**
- VIII. **Public Agenda and Speaking Time**
- IX. Adjournment

Community Superintendent, Dr. Philip A. Composto, is pleased to announce the following supervisory appointment:

**Sonita Ramkishun, Principal Q300**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes
2. NEW BUSINESS  
Racial Justice Committee Update  
Zoning Update

Next Meeting: October 13, 2020

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Community Education Council 30 invites you to a Zoom webinar.

When: Aug 11, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: CDEC30 Calendar & Business Meetings

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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## **Resolution #146 to Demand Expanded Access to Internet Service for All New York City Families**

The Community Education Council of District 30 (hereafter referred to as CEC 30) is a group of parents and community members who have been elected or appointed to serve Astoria, Corona, East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and beyond, representing thousands of public school students and their families. This resolution joins together councils across New York City to demand our elected officials address the significant need for expanded access to affordable internet service for families enrolled in both blended and remote learning this year.

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Education (DOE) closed its school buildings as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 16th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, all public schools were required to transition to remote learning for the remainder of the school year 2019–2020; and

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WHEREAS, the City of New York negotiated free internet access through the end of the school year 2019–2020 for families who needed an internet connection and the DOE provided free internet enabled iPads to families in need of devices; and

WHEREAS, some internet providers required families to subscribe long term for temporarily free internet, putting families at risk of receiving invoices after the free period unless families take the initiative to cancel; and

WHEREAS, even though the City of New York and the DOE took measures to close the digital divide, thousands of students struggled to participate in remote learning meaningfully for digital technology-related reasons, such as insufficient bandwidth, unstable connections, and delays to service initiation; and

WHEREAS, regardless whether students are participating in a blended learning plan or a fully remote learning plan for the school year 2020–2021, most District 30 students will spend the majority of their school time remotely, and every student will be required to participate in remote learning; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the reopening plan, caregivers of public school students will continue to receive necessary communication from school and central DOE via digital means, requiring these caregivers to have access to reliable internet connection for essential and critical information related to their children’s education; and

WHEREAS, internet connectivity is an essential service, much like electricity and water, and should be available to all as a public utility; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020 the City of New York released the [NYC Internet Master Plan](#), which promises to deliver universal high speed broadband to all New Yorkers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of New York should expedite the implementation of the NYC Internet Master Plan; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of New York should prioritize installation of high speed broadband infrastructure in public housing and in neighborhoods whose median wealth is below the citywide median wealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOE should renegotiate free internet subscriptions with internet and cellular service providers for the entirety of the school year 2020–2021, including the summer of 2021, regardless of the possibility of full school reopening in spring 2021.

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