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Sure, thank. Good evening, everyone. Deb Alexander. Linda Chang Liang.

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Kelly Craig. Hunter there.

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Okay, I don't see him just yet. Jonathan Greenberg.

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Marlene Rossi.

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Thank you, Victoria. I want to remind everyone that this is a business meeting and we will not accept public comments.

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You can email any questions, concerns or comments to CEC
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Are there any amendments to the December meeting? Do we accept as is the amended versions?

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All in favor? To accept the minutes?

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Alright, that passes. Thank you guys. I'm gonna go ahead and now move on to member reports.

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Does anyone want to share? Their report for December. You can raise your hand, call on you.

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Okay, so I attended 4 29 meeting regarding the motion motion picture, high school coming in for next year.

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It was, there was mixed reviews. Some people were open to it. I think some parents that are gonna have their children come in for the sixth grade, hopefully maybe next year are concerned and would have hoped that there was a little bit more of transparency regarding.

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This possible outcome for the school. So at the end result was that they're gonna have more community meetings for feedback and to continue to hear from people.

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Superintendent, and she said this is like the endel that it's still like a process and They want to hear from more folks, attend that day.

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So that was for that, for 2 12 I attended their SLT meeting. Right before the break and They have some concerns right now.

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I know we did both for they made it to the top 5 in priority for I think a water fountain use for their school but they're also having some issues with their PA system.

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So if there is hopefully never an urgent message that needs to be broadcasted, there's troubles with that.

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So I'm working on trying to get that maybe funded or fixed somehow some way. And I think that, oh, and I'm on the city wide, wellness council and I just got a notification that the first meeting will be taking place in a couple of weeks.

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So once that happens, I'll report back and let you guys know how that meeting went. That's all for me.

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Thank you, Victoria. Jonathan.

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Hi everyone. I have attended. All of the hearings that the state Department of Education has had on mayoral control.

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Not, I wasn't able to stay for. Every for like the whole thing for the Brooklyn hearing, but I, but I did hear, most of it and, You know, I, would encourage members of the council to watch some of the testimony.

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It's all recorded and on the state DOE. Website. If you just Google Merrill control hearings, New York, you'll, you'll find it immediately.

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Because you know i always i feel like i learned a lot from all of the testimonies there were a lot of teachers a lot of parents and some other community members and other you know sort of stakeholders in the system who had various perspectives, lots of stories.

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You know about their experiences with the New York City school system over the past 20 years. And it was really interesting.

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The testimonies were overwhelmingly critical of the system. People have varying perspectives on what should happen next, but it was, you know, the, they were very few.

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They're very, very few people who are supporting, keeping. Control in its current form.

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Posted by the New York Public Library. Given by Ansley Ericsson who is a professor at Teachers College of Historian and a professor at Teachers College.

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About the history of school governance in New York City and she. Talked about. A bunch of documents.

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That are at the end at New York Public Library from the era of decentralization. So before mail control when each district had its own school board and actually from before that period as well.

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It was really, really interesting to see some of the perspectives of parents and community leaders, in different eras, eras on, you know, what they wanted for their local schools.

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That was not recorded unfortunately. But, she, has worked on a project, website that I can share that I think is really interesting that has some of that information in it.

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Thank you, Jonathan. Would anyone else like to go?

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Marcela.

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Okay, everyone. I promise I didn't have my notes on my phone and I don't find it sorry, but I did it.

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IS 291 first time visiting the school. I literally found in love with the school.

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I met the principal. I would say like for 20 min but she calls 2 or her student, I think it was 2 eighth grader.

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And they gave me the longest. School tour ever and and. My fun love with the school is amazing.

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Everyone, great to me and the. Now the whole way and everyone's saying nice thing about the school, no complaints at all.

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But yeah, first time listening to school. I'm in love with it. Hopefully we're going to continue having this.

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Thank you, Marcela. Would anyone else like to go?

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Nick!

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Hey, hi everybody. So, on visits. I'm actually in the process of working on scheduling.

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2 out of 3 and just reached out to Danny. And so we can get together and go visit 3 98 now that they're dust in a way has sort of settled.

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In the transition, we were just kinda waiting for, the interim acting principle to kind of Get his sea legs and bearing and all that good stuff.

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So next meeting. There should be more on that. With regard to attending the DLT. Finalizing the district CEP.

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As well as the bylaws. Once I can get my hands on that, I can share that.

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And with regard to liaison stuff with presidents council. We just were on the last general meeting.

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And discuss the last president's council meeting talked more about, the mid year. Fundraising.

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Letter that we have to get into the DOE by the end of this month. And the next president's council meeting will be at 1 27 on February first not a lot this time, but more next time.

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Thank you, Nick. Anyone else?

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Hunter.

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Hi. So this is something that I've is mostly I've done for the BSGE, E, PTA, but it also it's a collaboration between 2 district 30 schools BSGE and Young Women's Leadership.

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School and. What we've been doing is, the, there's an organization within Young Women's Leadership called the tech inclusion.

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Project. Which is focused on bringing more women and, and minorities into the tech world and the leaders from the young women's leadership institute our school and are doing a program during Regents Week because BSGE actually has their seventh and eighth graders off all during this January Regents week.

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And so they're doing a program for BSGE students. I would love to have and we can talk about this I guess under new business but I would love to have the tech inclusion project come and present the kinds of things that they're doing.

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They do everything from kind of one day programs for elementary schools to larger programs like they're doing for BSGE or our few hour programs they can do for elementary schools and would love to have them come speak to us.

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And so we could take this information back to out to our liaison schools and let them know about what the tech inclusion project is doing, which is really an encouragement.

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To bring you know more kids into stam in the tech world. Hmm.

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All right. Thank you, Hunter. Anyone else?

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Oh, Danny!

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I can go next. Yeah, my, will be fairly quick. I am working on follow up school, ends on visits, with IS 10.

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Which, which I understand me, the principle may be leaving. So I'm following up on IS 10.

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And then, was part of the, just advocating for a top 5 capital projects.

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In our last meeting. So that's it for for this month. Happy New Year to everybody.

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Thank you. Danny, happy new to you too. Would anyone else like to go?

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I just want to mention one thing, a few of us, that Nick and, myself were at the PS 85 town hall lot last month that we reported out on but the PS 85 PTA because I president's counsel one of their officers is on there and I attended their PTA meeting last week.

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Which Principal Chang was on, Gordon Chang was on and it's the first time in several years that that happened and everyone was very overjoyed and it was really nice to see the community coming together and working collaboratively.

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So I want to shut out that school and the PTA and just everyone there to. Come together and just really.

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Work towards getting information out to the community and parents and family. So it was really good to see everyone.

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On the same page and getting all that information out. So I wanna make sure I made a known.

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Thank you, Victoria. I guess I'll do mine really quick. On December, the nineteenth, I went to 1 66 and I attended they had a basketball game against I think it's Danny school it's PS 84.

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I'd love to tell you I understood what was happening, but I really don't know anything about basketball.

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So it was great to see the kids trying and it was great to see the kids trying and it was great to see the kids trying and it was a lot of fun.

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And it was a lot of fun. And then I met with both of the assistant principals, and it was a lot of fun. And then I met with both of the assistant principals.

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Principal Geller was actually off site that day. Superintendent Hidalgo had called a principals meeting for the district.

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So I didn't have as much of a sit down as I normally would have liked to have had, but I got to go and check out the kids prepping for their winter concerts and I talked to some of the children that are in the dual language program and it was really interesting to hear the perspective of how they're able to help the migrant students that have come in and, you know, very excited about a lot of them

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getting to use firsthand, what they're learning into practice and it was great school, it was great energy.

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Again, I have no clue what was happening in the basketball game, but everyone looked like they were having fun and that's the important thing to see a bunch of kids enjoying themselves and it was a couple of days before Christmas holiday started so everybody was wearing Santa hats and elf ears so it was a lovely time to visit.

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I will be going back next month to meet with Principal Geller and I have a meeting next week with Dr.

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Page at BSG. So I'll have more to report next month. Does anyone else before I move on to committee reports have a member report they'd like to give?

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Okay, I will go to committee reports Would anyone like to go first?

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We've had for school sign up for it. I just had a personal family issue that sort of was a delay but I've spoken to a few of the schools and they've been very understanding about it but that'll be launching next week.

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And we also been putting together a I was working with Whitney with this the communications flyer for soliciting people to join parents that are parents or guardians in district 30 to join our committees.

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They're eligible for the empowerment engagement and equity committee, special education committee, communications and outreach committee, academic, academic advancement committee, district 30 family fun day committee.

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Essentially you just have to apply. We have to. Pick a date I have to put on the flyer and that's one of the things that I'm supposed to talk to you guys about.

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We have to settle on a date for the application and it's going to go to the CEC.

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30@schoolsny.gov address. And essentially we're just asking the body to put or in the subject line to put what committee they're applying for and then and the body of the email just a statement of why they want to join the committee and or provide information and relation to their skills or experience which would make them a great addition to the committee.

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But if anyone had any thoughts on that or also if we can help select a date, what do you guys feel like it's an appropriate date for them to email by?

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When do you think the communication is going to go out in general?

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It's done. It's just I have like in quotations insert date so I just I mean I can have this switched over to PDF and sent to Gail as soon as we pick a date and then I can also post on social media.

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For fairness, you wanna say like 2 weeks from the date it goes out. So it's a quick decision and it's not something long and lingering.

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Yeah, let me look at February states. So like in theory, let's just say that Wednesday the twenty-fourth.

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Should we say Valentine's Day? The fourteenth? That's 2 weeks from Wednesday.

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Yeah, or that Friday before the midweek to recess or something

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What day is that? That's the sixteenth.

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I think it said just 2 days later. Yeah.

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I'm okay with either. How do you guys feel? Do you have a preference?

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Sorry the sixteenth is good. Proper that.

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Friday the sixteenth. Everybody in favor thumbs up.

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All right, that was quicker than I imagine that conversation was gonna go. All right, we really are having a very Monday, Monday, friends.

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Just real quick, Danny and Deb and I need to huddle up. But I did speak to Gail earlier with regard to district family day.

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We've got a budget of like roughly 7,000. To potentially play with. And the idea to let everybody on this call know when we have the legislation or the legislative brunch on the first and in theory we have all the electives.

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In front of us, see if we can get another 5 to 8,000. From our, elected officials so that we can get a nice robust budget.

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For that and then we'll figure out. Time in place and all that stuff after.

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And I just want to chime in. I know that there is a lot of interest in picking a different location for, district day, but I, I have been looking around putting my heads together talking to people and other parts of the district.

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I, I don't know where it will work as well. If anyone has ideas and can do the work to find it, I think that we could, you know, definitely help out.

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But, I am fresh out of ideas knowing what went into it last time and the ideal location of it being by Both Ravenswood and Queensbridge as well as a bus line as well as having 2 schools as well as having an indoor option.

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Like there's a lot that went into the selection of this place. Having bathroom availability. So.

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I am out of ideas on this, but if other folks do, then absolutely they should chime in.

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And we know it's been brought up with regard to if we moved it into Jackson Heights, 34, have open streets.

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That can become a security issue. And we also have to get a major, major SAPPO, which will probably a month and a half to.

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Behind in terms of filing to get that. Us we also run into the issue of. Facilities with regard to bathrooms and if there is rain there will be nowhere for us to move indoors to either.

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So I know previous years, it was at Louis Armstrong. I mean, I'm not saying to change the location then, but I was thinking because I know District 24 did one at Queen's Zoo in the beginning of school year.

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And it was actually a really nice turnout. Maybe we can try to do 2. One in the summer and maybe one in March.

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Cause they did District 24 did a like, in September, like an open, like the first like the beginning of the school year.

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So they did it at Queen 2. Actually, we went and was actually really, really nice. Maybe we can talk to them and see if we can either do whole science or something like work out a deal with them or something.

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Yeah, I just, I, for that I just, I don't know how they would fit if we had 3,000 people where with it they would go in case of rain.

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But for that, there was a cap actually. So it was from the morning till I think till they close, but they had they bought an X amount of tickets.

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So if it exceeded that, then you would have to pay yourself. But I mean, it was really nice turnout.

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But they did buy a X amount of tickets.

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So that was that. I don't know. But I do know a lot of parents and like, cause we're, I'm in Jackson height.

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So I know like a lot of parents would want something happening in Jackson Heights. Yeah.

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And all Danny and Jonathan, I know you guys know too, like a lot of parents. And Victoria wants something and Jackson heights happening.

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Yeah, I mean, we did do it in Jackson heights at the health fair for many years. And we, did, we kept it at the spot that worked the best.

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So, but, and I feel like, the zoo, we would be paying a lot then for.

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Space whereas the school space is free or thirty-fourth Avenue would be free.

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Yeah, there are lots of schools on this side of district that have outdoor space and indoor space.

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I could, I can imagine they might not work as well, but I think it's more important that we move, you know, move this around so that it's accessible to different families in different parts of the district than it is to have the perfect space.

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So yeah, all of those spaces. Would seem to work. I also had mentioned this, you know, last year and I mentioned it in the beginning of the year, I, you know, would love for us not to be spending \$7,000 of our budget on this event.

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You know the last year we had this available and this is something we decided we could do with it but i don't think i think there are possibly other other things we could do to support our schools and our families and you know raise money for this event i mean we can I mean, I'm not opposed to spending part of, you know, some money on it, but raise money from elected, which is something that we had talked

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about doing, from the beginning of the. Oh, yeah. So.

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Yeah, just to echo what Nick just said, we had close to 4,000 people. Those schools were not big enough to accommodate the size.

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We had 2 schools. It wasn't one school. It's 2 adjoining schools with a particularly large public park type space.

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That we had the use of both schools in case of rain. And, we had a hookups both electric and water from one from each side of the school, or each school.

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It was chosen very very carefully to and thankfully that we did because we had so many people. If people want to make it smaller in size and turn people away.

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I mean, that's an option, to not be able to accommodate everyone, but safety wise with those the schools you mentioned would not come close.

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Yeah, can you give us a sense of like the difference in square footage? Between

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Not off the top of my head when when we research it when we researched it last time, we were looking, I remember we looked at the, at the plots and Dr.

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Composto said, it depends on the size you're looking for. And we came up with this to have them the maximum size and I thought we actually weren't going to fill it.

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I was nervous that it was going to be to you. I was nervous that it was going to be to fill it.

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I was nervous that it was going to be too, you, I don't know if you remember Nick, I was like, oh, we're going to have all this extra space and it was the opposite problem.

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And I think due to the success, I suspect we will have more people this year than than than last year because it was such a big hit.

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We had a line around the block if you were there like people came in. The entire day kept coming through, kept coming through.

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So, I don't believe that those spaces would accommodate. Doesn't mean they won't work.

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It just they wouldn't accommodate the same number of people.

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And Jonathan, like a couple of things kind of unfortunately got screwed up, but that was because of internal things and a death to somebody that was helping us kind of plan it on the outside so like the street in between 204 and 1 12 was supposed to be completely blocked off to traffic.

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With no cars on it, which, you know, this time around we'd make sure that actually happened.

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And 1 12 is a full, full city block. Also with a public playground outdoor amenities.

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And we know how to avoid the problem that we ran into last year with the hockey rink in terms of spreading out.

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Yeah. Okay.

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We were virtually, we couldn't fill it. And there was a good chunk of time that we were like at capacity in that yard.

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Also, I don't, I mean, correct me if, or stop me if you were all there last year, but, we had the, we had a whole bunch of city amenities we had the bus that the meditation bus came and the only way we could reason we could do that is because we had those streets blocked off.

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In addition, my understanding of Jackson Heights. Is not that parking is not the greatest. And I don't think public transportation is any better 1 one area or the other.

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I guess my thing is, we would love and I love Linda's idea of doing multiple events if we could, but when the health fair worked the best at Louis Armstrong.

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So we did it there every time. Nobody said, well, we should move it to another part of the district because it just worked the best there.

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We weren't hurting for people coming. We had plenty of people from Jackson Heights come.

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And all this we had plenty of schools represented from Jackson Heights who had booths there.

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I think almost all of them actually had a stable setup.

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We had 36 out of 42. There were just a couple of middle schools that had an event like right before.

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So I mean, Yeah, but, like I said, if, you all want to do the leg work, and find a space and bring it back to us.

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I think we'd be absolutely receptive to checking it up.

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Let me check on Gale. Yes.

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Can I say something? Thank you. I know it seems like it's a long way off to have it in May or in June, but it's right around the corner.

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We were supposed to start this back in October. And life gets in the way and you know why it couldn't happen people couldn't get together it couldn't be done whatever to start changing the venue at this point.

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The amount of work is huge. I don't know how many of you actually helped last year, but we're talking months of work, paperwork, ordering, trying to find DOE vendors, getting things in line, getting the permits.

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Working with the police department, working with the parks department. It just it was never ending.

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It was so intense. The stress levels were through the roof. And to start to change it now means we're starting all over again.

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We're not going to get it done. I mean, it's huge to do this if you choose not to do this personally I'll be fine with that because it's a lot of work.

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The zoo that Linda was talking about, you know, years ago when Marha Tom was still part of the DOE, we did a huge event at the Queen Zoo and also it was outstanding cost of fortune.

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But it was outstanding. Something to think about at some point, you know. But please think, you know.

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Changing the venue to a new location that means revamping redoing everything finding different things We should have started it then in October.

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We really should have.

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I don't think we're talking about changing the venue. I was just, my suggestion was just do another one, but not like maybe in September.

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So we can start researching that because I know IS 2 30, it's 2 buildings and it's 2 big buildings and they do have a huge yard and it's I think if I'm not missed they're right on 30 Fourth Avenue.

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So I mean, we can search that school out. I don't think we're saying to change the venue.

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It's just to add on an extra one. So then parents and Jackson Heights who don't really get to go, they can also enjoy it in Jackson Heights too.

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Good.

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Oops, there we go. Sorry. So, you know, I hear the need to have more events.

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You know, we have the Halloween event, you know, in Astoria.

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What about the idea? Of doing 2 locations on exactly the same day. And that would actually, I mean, if we expect we had 4,000 last time and if we expect to have more this time and if we were selling out the locations or over capacity this would automatically split up people because people would tend to go to the place where they are, you know, that's closer for them.

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And, you know, then potentially, some members who, you know, live in the more eastern parts of District 30 could work on finding quickly a second location.

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We wouldn't have to end anything that's going on. Already with the Astoria location and, you know, then we could.

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I don't know, it's a possibility. I wonder what people's thoughts on doing, both on the same day and kind of splitting up the event.

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Linda, just your hand still raised or?

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I wanted to tag onto, I saw that and they said it was a president's council event, but then I also wanted to add that NYPD actually

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Doesn't event in Jackson Heights. So maybe in October if President's Council want to speak to I think 15% and they do a really awesome event like they have like, they have a haunted house and everything.

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Maybe we can try to collaborate with them too and see if we can throw an event with them. In October.

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So then this way even though it's it's still an event in Jackson Heights because I know a lot of parents were asking about that because it is hard for us on a Friday night for us to travel all the way to Astoria because not all of us drive.

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So I think it would be nice for, with this, this would be at President's Council anyways, that I can, bring up there.

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Hunter, I love your thinking outside the box. Part of the beauty of this was that it brought the whole district together.

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This would end up sort of dividing everybody by their own geographic area. It was so great that we had so many schools all in one spot.

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The manpower wouldn't be there to do it in both locations. Like we, it was.

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It was like 12 h of grueling work and we were all hands on deck. We could if we split up and not everyone from the council was there.

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I mean it was really only a few of us. So, It's, it's, I appreciate the outside of the box thought, but, I don't, I don't think that would be in the spirit of district day number one and number 2, I don't think it would be so possible.

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I just wanted to say, we're not addressing Jonathan's perhaps important point of do we want to do this this year i mean that we're sort of going to the fact that we're doing it and where should it be, but maybe.

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Folks wanna say not so much. So we could we could maybe talk about that before.

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I just a quick question. Is it, do we have to do it in, at a school location?

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Can we do it at a public park? Is that an option or you just wanna stick to the schools?

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There's, there will be no, indoor option for a park and the park that would be big enough would be in astoria likely anyway.

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And we'd have to get the permit and then it's open to everybody, you know, with the security isn't really there.

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We have to everyone has to sign in and you wouldn't be able to do that in such an open location.

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Jonathan?

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Just to be clear, I was, I was not meeting to suggest that we did not. Hold the event, or, you know, sponsor the event this year.

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I was just questioning as I have in the past, how much money of our budget we put towards this event.

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Oh, we didn't, if we didn't have the money we had last time, that could not have happened.

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So it's either spend that money or it would not happen.

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So. So what have the elected official said when you have? What have you done to raise more money, which would something we talked about both last spring and the beginning of this year.

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How much did we spend last year?

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We put, we put out some feelers, but they. They were not particularly receptive.

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Just under 8,000 somewhere on there.

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I think it was a little more than 8,000.

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Yeah, and we needed more. We didn't really have enough. We ran out of the the handouts what was in the first hour and a half I think.

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We should have used another inflatable at least the very least one more. They were few we could have used more of certain items and snacks for sure.

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Oh yeah, we ran, I mean, we ran out of the giveaways, we ran out of the hygiene kits we ran out of the water.

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Did, did we talk to, I mean, I don't know much about this, I, I wasn't that involved at this point.

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But did we, you know, reach out and get restaurant partners to. Come in because I know a lot of them.

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In some D 2 events that I've previously been involved in come out for. For those things and do it all as advertisement and provide all the, you know, if you get enough of them, etc.

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And that could cut down on cost.

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We needed. Different permits for that number one. Number 2. Like Nick, Nick, you talk about it because you got us crispy cream and you talk about you knew more about that.

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Yes, so look, we're talking about a large amount of geography within our district. So how we would pick one restaurant over another and seem unfair if that makes sense.

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Also as Deb said it is a whole extra set of permits, that you have to go through.

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It's like a 16 or 18 page document and double checking all that stuff. So we just stayed away from that.

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All together essentially. We allowed for the PTAs, the PTOs and the PAs that all set up tables if they wanted to have something in addition to what we were able to get on.

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A shoestring budget. To bring stuff in, but, certain things were just added levels of complication.

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Also, I think some of the vendors were the food vendors were like, oh, we can sell stuff for cheap.

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And we were like, I don't wanna put anybody in the position of having to. Pay or not be able to pay.

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So donations, yes, but having even low cost food just felt complicated.

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The whole thing is that it was more of a give back to the community in a time when We finally, they removed, you know, the 3 foot rule, they removed.

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The vaccine mandate to enter school buildings. It was about bringing everybody back together in the best capacity that we could.

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All right, friends, gonna jump. I'm gonna jump in guys. Can I make a suggestion?

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Seeing as this is the committee report. This is kind of turning into a committee meeting and just, you know, to be mindful it's 7 13 of all of our time and also interpretation.

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May I suggest that maybe the next step moving forward is clearly this is, you know, many of you want to have a discussion, this is, you know, many of you want to have a discussion regarding this, setting a date for an actual committing meeting where those who are on the committee regarding this, setting a date for an actual committing meeting where those who are on the committee and other council members that want to participate and other council members that want to participate in it can learn more about how you know even

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I think it was actually Gail who said if it's on the committee and other council members that want to participate in it can learn more about how, you know, even I think it was actually Gail who said if it's something that if we move even forward with, having the events, but I mean, listen, I for I went last year even though I was on CC I didn't I mean I

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guess I was there in a CC capacity but I was there as a PTA president our school had a table and we tabled there.

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I mean, yeah, do I love that we had to spend a bunch of money from our like that I had a raise to do that?

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No, I mean it is an expensive event and you know I 7 \$8,000 I agree that's a lot of money unless you have an elected donating the money but to take.

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You know, from children, you know, we could be actually doing something for kids. I didn't feel comfortable when I spent you know we were looking at spending money for from the PTA aspect of you know, I felt like, you know, I could be buying coats or something with that money.

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But I definitely think that a lot have an obligation to participate in these sort of things because they liked they showed up there were many of them that showed up and have an obligation to participate in these sort of things because they liked, they showed up, there were many of them that showed up and had their pictures taken, they got in the dunk tank.

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I saw it all across their social media but they didn't contribute to actually helping fund it. So I mean, you know, I'm not above saying if you, you kind of you have to pay to play if you want to be part of the

event, you know, it's you should be able to have a thousand dollars that they can each donate from the discretionary funds to it or to help find donors for

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it. But I think the first step in this conversation would certainly be setting a committee meeting. Yeah, I mean, a story is not convenient for me.

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Neither is Jackson Heights, but I understand that, you know, travel is going to happen, but I do think that you know not everything can be in a story yeah but You know, having said that, if people wanted in Jackson Heights.

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You know, put together a proposal and come to the committee meeting once they set it and present it. You can't just dump it on people.

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You have to have like a concrete solution or at least have conversations with the schools if you've spoken to the police department.

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But yeah, I think you guys should set do a doodle poll and set set a meeting date.

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Anyone else on that topic of district day?

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You? Horse officially dead? Okay. Any other committee reports?

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Yep, alright. Speaker series. Is anyone working on anything? Any new ideas?

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Hunter?

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Would this be a good time to ask what people would think about? You know, bringing in the tech inclusion.

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Project to talk about the things that they can bring out to schools. Kind of programs.

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Is it the, is it, would it be the kids presenting it that are participating or I don't understand?

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So the women that lead it are, seniors at one of my liaison schools, the young women's leadership.

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Program and I think we'll be passing it on to new kids for next year but they're you know high school kids because these are 6 through 12 you know to 6 to 12 school and so anyway they they would be coming out and presenting the programs that they do and they have grant funding etc to help support you know what they do.

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And they could talk about the programs that they could bring into our elementary and middle schools.

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Any comments, anyone?

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Sounds awesome. I'm supportive.

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I wanted to say I, I like that. That's also supportive as well.

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Hunter, do you wanna reach out to them and maybe? Talk to them about it and see about some proposed dates kind of like how how they would present

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Yeah. Yeah, I'll reach out to them. I mean, I'm not absolutely sure they're, you know, in a position to present to us or would want to, but I think they will.

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And so I'll, you know, if we're, since sounds like we're kind of positive on it, I'll reach out.

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I'll actually email you guys and let everybody know some dates, etc, and then we can talk about it maybe at our next regular meeting or something.

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Awesome, sounds great. Thanks, Hunter. Look forward to seeing that email. Sounds great.

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Anyone else?

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No? Okay, dokey. New business. February first we have our.

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Legislative breakfast which I know that Whitney was waiting on Miss. Hidalgo getting back who's responded yes.

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I to my knowledge Gail, do you know is there any update with that? I haven't heard any update either.

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Yeah, so I have no clue exactly what's on the final list. But I'm gonna go early to help Whitney set up for that one.

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I do have a question about that one. I do have a question about that and maybe Deb and Jonathan because you were previously, about that and maybe Deb and Jonathan, and maybe Deb and Jonathan, because you were previously, although I was on the council last term for 2 years, it was always, although I was on the council last term for 2 years, it was always on the council last term for 2 years, although I was on the council last term for 2

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years, it was always I started during the height of COVID. So it was different. We were doing everything.

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Via zoom. So it was different. We were doing everything. Via zoom, but you guys run the council when it was in person

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Before COVID.

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Yeah, we used to have them, yeah, all the time. We had a, I think they were always breakfasts, but yeah, but, but that was, that was, we planned it.

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This is, this is very different. This is . Yeah

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Yeah, that was my question. So I saw the invite and actually one of the elected. So I saw the invite and actually, one of the elections that I'm friends with had called me and was like, I'm confused.

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I'm friends with had called me and was like, I'm confused. Is this a CEC legislative breakfast or is this the superintendent's legislative.

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Breakfast and I said I mean I've been invited to other CEC legislative breakfast. I've been invited to CCHS is but it was always the council members putting it on.

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I've never I was a bit confused even when I saw the invite because it It said that Lisa Hidalgo invites you and it didn't say in conjunction with or with CEC.

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30 and her picture was on it and so it was all very confusing and I that's why I just I wasn't quite sure and I know that I talked to Nick about it briefly but Jonathan.

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Oh, I'll just say, you know, from my point of view, the point of the legislative breakfast.

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Is to. The The most important thing about it is to have contact with the, with the legislators and their staff, you know, to be in the same room and have a chance to talk to them about the things that are going on in the district and their priorities and who actually pays for it and organizes it is much less important in my mind.

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And in fact, I will say that I was really happy to see that Miss Hidalgo had taken the initiative to to plan this and that she clearly sees the importance of making these connections with our, the legislature legislators in the in the district and that we're invited and that we're able to make those connections as well, especially if we're spending money on the district day, you know, this is one less event

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that we would have to plan and, you know, less money that we would need to to fork out for this kind of thing.

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So from my point of view, I'm happy that she's doing it. You know, the one, the one difference is that, we, you know, if it were our legislative breakfast and we had like an agenda that we wanted to highlight there, we would have the opportunity to do that, but I don't know that at this time we as a council will have a legislative agenda.

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That would, you know, that we would be able to do that with. So anyway, that's my 2 cents just on that topic.

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Yeah, just when he called me and he asked, I was like, Don't know I know that I'm on the council, but I don't I don't know.

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And then I, you know, I just, I did know if this was something that previously it'd always been, it previously been done by Composto or the, you know, some historical context was, but those of you that are SVP, I'll see you guys on the first as well.

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Also the Office of Language Access will present on February, the twelfth at the calendar meeting.

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On March eleventh. Calendar meeting. Fair student funding as well. We'll do your presentation.

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So that will be a very presentation heavy. A meeting coming up which Those ones usually take well.

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And also we're gonna cancel the vote to go into executive session regarding the team's launch document.

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Whitney sent it on October the seventh, a gentle reminder to please fill it in. I looked at it briefly.

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I know Nick has. I don't I mean I limited I have not filled it in yet so I I too as I'm saying this to remind you I'm reminding myself.

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But it was on Nick, do you have that link by any chance? Can you drop it in the in the chat just for for the form.

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Yeah, no problem.

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I emailed it to everybody, Kelly.

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Okay, just in case anyone quick on the council wants to fill it in for the council. so Oh, okay. Oh, never mind. Strike that.

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Thank you so much. Whitney's gonna do a Google poll regarding a team launch documents meeting.

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So we won't be going into executive session today that's canceled, but please fill it in and then you'll get a Judle poll coming up and Nick you had your hand up.

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Just real fast, piggybacking off, Kelly, what you said with, the budget meeting essentially for March, we're gonna work on getting the presentation to all of us ahead of time so that it's not like as we see it in the moment.

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And we can digest. Former questions and I'm sure that like last time when I said on the other side watching this It will be a very question.

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Heavy, especially in the light of what's currently going on in the school and budget and threats, etc.

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So we're going to work on getting that for everybody ahead.

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Awesome. Deb?

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I, this is not related to that. I just want to go back and I just want to be very, very clear about about district day.

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One sentence. That like I certainly would not be opposed to personally speaking not opposed to it being Anywhere.

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Everyone wants it. That is fine. I don't wanna do double work that I already did last year.

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I'm sure the other folks don't. If anyone wants to, will make the committee meeting known to everybody if anybody wants to bring viable solutions and and do that like we are totally totally game for it I am totally totally game for it.

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I like I said I just don't I just don't wanna go back and re-examine the things we re-examine last time that that didn't work and if people want to do it in a different format or a different fashion or limit attendance.

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Do it somewhere else like. Biomings, I'm happy to help. Produce something else.

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I just don't wanna go and. Go over what I did last year.

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Okay. Anyone else? New business?

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That was your moment to shine. Anyone?

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No? Alright. Okay then. I believe we've gotten through everything on a very, very Monday Monday Monday.

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So I will go ahead and I'll make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7 26.

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Yeah.

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Can I have a second? All right. Marcela, Jonathan, Nick, all right. Well, with that then I will say thank you guys for joining us on this cold.

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Dreary, sad, full week of January without a day off and nothing to look forward to. I hope you guys have a much better day tomorrow and the rest of the week.

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One day closer to the weekend guys. Thank you guys and thank you, to interpreters for being here. Thank you so much.

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We appreciate it. Thank you. Bye guys. Have a nice night.

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Good night.

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Thank you.

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Good night.

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Good night. Good night, everyone. Bye.

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Good.

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My friends.

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Do I hit leave? Does that make it stop?

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Okay.

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Hold on, Kelly. Okay, okay. There we go.

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Is there, oh, do I just leave or do I, stop recording?

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Okay