

MINUTES
Community District Education Council 30
Calendar Meeting
September 18, 2017

The September Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held on Monday, September 18, 2017, in the Auditorium of I.S 126 located at 31-51 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11106.

Ms. Deborah Alexander, Co-President, called the Calendar Meeting to order at 6:44 PM.

Roll Call

Adriana Lynch, Secretary, conducted roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

Present:

Deborah Alexander
Robert Cruz
Ka-Trina Harris
Adriana Lynch
Amina Maiza
Nuala O'Doherty
Sabina Omerhodzic (arrived 6:55pm)
Myrna Palacios (arrived 6:55pm)
Amie Ravitz
Diane Walcott

Absent and Excused:

Valarie Lamour (ill)

**Quarterly Meeting with PA/PTA Executive Boards and Installation Ceremony for District 30
PA/PTA Elected Officers**

Ms. Alexander thanked all elected officers for accepting these important roles and the work they are about to do on behalf of all students. Dr. Philip A. Composto, District 30 Superintendent read the oath and officially installed the PA/PTA officers present. Ms. Alexander and Dr. Composto presented each with a certificate.

Dr. Philip A. Composto, Community Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent's report follows the minutes.

Ms. O'Doherty asked about Title 1 money. Dr. Composto stated that Title 1 money must be used to improve student achievement.

Ms. Alexander reminded everyone that even though all students now receive free lunch, it is most important that parents continue to complete the free lunch forms. Without those forms, schools will lose their Title 1 funds.

Ms. O'Doherty stated that poorer schools were not doing well on tests. What else can be done besides Title 1 money? Dr. Composto explained that they are looking at curriculum, data, how we are teaching children and professional development for teachers and collaborative classrooms.

Public Agenda and Speaking Time

Agnes Lischka, parent of a transgender, non-binary child spoke about the need for support of transgender and non-binary students and parents. Her experience has been that schools may not adequately support these students. Parents are welcome to contact her if they need assistance.

Shannon Matlowsky, parent P.S. 122, agreed with the need for more support for LGBT students and suggested NYC DOE PRIDE as a resource.

Sandy Bizzarro, parent from P.S. 70, asked about the process for making purchases such stage curtains for the auditorium. It was explained that this purchase needs to go through the School Construction Authority because there are special requirements and standards.

Adjournment

There being no further business Ms. Ravitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Maiza seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adriana Lynch
Secretary

Superintendent's Report
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Dr. Philip A. Composto

- **Review of District Data**
- **One of D30's Initiative – Teaching Advanced Literacy Skills**
- **Capital Improvement Building**

Building Q084 and Q204 have been included in the Capital Improvement Program to provide a complete technical refresh of the building's network-based video surveillance system. This project is expected to commence construction during 2018.

- **Capping**

<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
4	K	Q329	Q148
4	K	Q280	Q149
2	K	Q329	Q148

- **The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA)** - in collaboration with the Department of Education have coordinated a citywide effort to conduct "Know Your Rights" forums. Given the current changes in federal immigration policy, and increased rhetoric against immigrants, it is important for New York City to provide support to immigrant communities by offering education tools around their rights. The goal of "Know Your Rights" forums will be to provide immigrant youth, parents, and communities with information on the rights of immigrant New Yorkers, access to legal services, and other resources available to them and their families. Each school will be paired with a community based organization (CBO). The following schools will be hosting the forums:

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30Q069	P.S. 069 Jackson Heights
30Q070	P.S. 070
30Q092	P.S. 092 Harry T. Stewart Sr.
30Q127	P.S. 127 Aerospace Science Magnet School
30Q149	P.S. 149 Christa McAuliffe
30Q234	P.S. 234
30Q329	East Elmhurst Community School
30Q361	The Woodside Community School

- **SEPSIS**

September is Sepsis Awareness Month. In recognition, the NYSED has partnered with the Staunton Family to create resources for schools to teach students about this severe infection. Attached please find FAQ on this subject.

- **New Extended Hours at Family Welcome Centers**

Beginning **September 18**, all 12 Family Welcome Centers will be open for extended hours throughout the school year to increase access for families, and facilitate enrollment and transfer transactions. The Family Welcome Centers will now be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

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- **Breakfast in the Classroom**

PS 150 Queens located at **40-01 43 Avenue, Queens, 11104**, will participate in the Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC) program in the 2017-18 school year beginning on **10/2/2017**. Department of Education (DOE) schools have been participating in BIC since 2008. BIC has increased the number of students who eat breakfast in school by 50% to 80%, resulting in more students receiving the nutritious morning meal they need to be ready to learn.

Immunization Requirements for the 2017–18 School Year

As required by state law and in accordance with school officials are responsible for ensuring that students are fully vaccinated against specific preventable diseases in order to attend school. You should work with your staff to ensure that all new students provide proof of immunization upon enrollment and to ensure that returning student's immunization records are evaluated, according to the grade that the student will be entering. Please note the following changes to immunization requirements for the 2017–18 school year:

- Two doses of the chicken pox (varicella) vaccine are now required for all students entering grades K-3 and grades 6-9; note that grades 3 and 9 have been added.
- Three-to-five doses of the polio (IPV/OPV) vaccine are now required for all students entering grades K-3 and grades 6-9; note that grades 3 and 9 have been added.
- All students in grades 7, 8 and 12, and District 75 students, who are 12-years-old and 16- to 17-years-old, are required to have the Meningococcal Quadrivalent Vaccine, MenACWY, previously known as MCV4 (brand names Menactra and Menveo). Students entering grades 7 and 8 must have received one dose of MenACWY, and students entering grade 12 must have received two doses of MenACWY, unless their first dose was administered at 16 years of age or older.

If the student's first MenACWY was administered at 16 years of age or older, then only one dose is required. A third dose of MenACWY is required for students entering grade 12, if the second dose of MenACWY was administered before the student turned 16-years-old. Note that grade 8 has been added.

Immunization Exemptions

Requests from Parents for Religious Exemptions: If school officials receive an inquiry from parents seeking a religious exemption, parents must provide a written explanation of the foundation for opposing immunization based on their religious beliefs. School staff will explain to parents, in their own words, why they are requesting a religious exemption, the religious principles that guide their objection to immunization, and whether they are opposed to all immunizations, and if not, the religious basis that prohibits particular immunizations.

Requests from Parents for Medical Exemptions: If schools receive an inquiry from parents seeking a medical exemption, they will be directed to have their child's physician complete this Medical Request for Immunization Exemption. Pending the medical review and determination of information, students seeking medical exemptions must be allowed to remain in school.

Notify Families About Medicaid Reimbursement for OT and PT Services

As in past years, Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT) services for students with IEPs are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. In order to claim reimbursement, the DOE must obtain a physician's order or referral. To obtain a physician's order or referral, the DOE will contact the school via email approximately one (1) to two (2) weeks prior, to schedule a physician's visit at the school. Before the physician's visit, school officials must print out and backpack home or mail the parent notification letter to families of students who already receive OT and/or PT services to notify them that their child will be screened.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR 2017

September 7	First day of school. Early dismissal for kindergarten. Partial day for pre-k
September 8	First full day for kindergarten. Partial day for pre-k
September 21-22	Rosh Hashanah: schools closed