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Community District Education Council 30
Calendar Meeting
May 13, 2019

The May Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held on Monday, May 13, 2019, in the Auditorium of P.S. 85 located at 23-70 31st Street, Long Island City, NY 11105.

Deborah Alexander, Co-President, thanked the P.S. 85 community for hosting the meeting and welcomed representatives from the offices of elected officials.

The Pledge was recited.

Presentation Honoring the P.S. 148 Debate Team for Successful Qualification to the American Debate League Elementary School Championships

Ms. Alexander introduced Richard Connelly, Executive Director, American Debate League and Coach Akhil Kumar. Students were presented with awards.

Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Roll Call

Ms. O'Doherty, Vice President, conducted roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

Present:

Deborah Alexander
Ka-Trina Harris
Shannon Lee
Amina Maiza
Nuala O'Doherty
Sabina Omerhodzic
Diane Walcott
Zoubida Bicane (Student)

Absent and Excused:

Robert Cruz (Class)
Valarie Lamour (Work)

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

The Superintendent's report follows these minutes.

Nuala asked for information about the New School 30Q398. People are looking for a job.

Ms. Omerhodzic asked about the Technology Grant. Dr. Composto stated that it was not for all schools.

Public Agenda and Speaking Time

None

Adjournment

There being no further business Ka-Trina Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amina Maiza seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nuala O'Doherty
Vice President

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In support of the Framework for Great Schools under Supportive Environment

Dr. Philip A. Composto

• **Learning Technology Grant**

The NY State Education Department (NYSED) has awarded District 30 a 91,000 dollar Learning Technology Grant for the next three years. The grant will provide content teachers with intensive, professional development focusing on integrating *FlippedTIPS*' exemplary technologies into the curricula of Science, Math, ELA and Social Studies. By adopting this Professional Development model into the schools' curricula, the teachers will demonstrate problem based learning by guiding their students in identifying, analyzing, and solving a curriculum based or community social problem.

Distribute High School Admissions Round 2 Results Letters and View Offers

Distribution of Round 2 Results Letters (middle schools): The DOE will release high school results letters during the week of **May 13**, for all current eighth-grade students and first-time ninth-grade students who participated in Round 2 of high school admissions. School officials are to begin mailing result letters to each student's home address beginning the week of May 20th.

Guidance for Communication Regarding Measles and Immunization

School officials received communication from the Office of the First Deputy Chancellor with information about two recent measles cases involving students who attend public schools. Attached please find immunization requirements, letter students were to backpack home and Measles letter from the Health Department. As a reminder, New York State Public Health Law requires all students—except those with approved exemptions—to be vaccinated or to show immunity to measles and other diseases, in order to attend public schools.

Encourage Families to Register for a June High School Admissions Family Workshop

School officials should encourage families of seventh grade students to attend a High School Admissions Family Workshop. This year's workshops will take place in June, and will replace the family events that previously took place in May and July. At the workshops, families can learn about the high school application process and learn about admissions to the specialized high schools, all in one place. Families can also speak to representatives from the specialized high schools at each event.

Workshops will include:

- Building a balanced high school application;
- Finding NYC high schools that fit their child's interests;
- Information about the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT); and
- Information about LaGuardia High School auditions.

Gifted and Talented Admissions Update

The Gifted and Talented (G&T) applicant Sibling Verification List (SVL) is now available via the school-facing [MySchools portal](#). Schools can use the SVL to verify whether or not applicants who have indicated that they have siblings in a particular school should have sibling priority for gifted and talented admissions by **May 13**.

Guidance on Exclusions from Graduation Ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies mark significant developmental milestones for students and families and provide an opportunity for achievement to be acknowledged and celebrated by the whole school community. It is the policy of the DOE that a student, including a student who is suspended at the time the graduation ceremony is scheduled to occur, may not be excluded from the graduation unless the student poses a threat of violence or disruption to the event or the conduct that is the basis for the potential exclusion is particularly egregious.

Alternative interventions and/or disciplinary measures should be utilized for students whose behavior does not meet this standard. Exclusions cannot be imposed for generalized or vague reasons. The following provides detailed guidance for you and your staff to ensure that this policy is implemented fairly and appropriately:

- Careful consideration must be given to whether a student should be excluded from a graduation for behavioral reasons. Each situation must be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

In determining whether a student poses a threat of violence or disruption or whether behavior is so egregious as to warrant exclusion, you should consider, among other things, the nature of the misbehavior and its impact on the school community, who will be present at the graduation ceremony, and whether they were involved or affected by the incident, and when the misbehavior occurred in relation to the graduation.

- The student and parent must be given written notice of the possible exclusion and an opportunity to discuss the underlying facts and the potential disciplinary action before any measures are taken. Parents must be provided with written notice of a determination regarding an exclusion from a graduation at least four weeks prior to the event, where possible, and therefore notice and opportunity to be heard must be scheduled and provided accordingly. Parents may appeal a decision to exclude a student from graduation by filing a written appeal with the superintendent.

In preparation for graduation, school officials were asked to backpack home the attached letter on excluding students from graduation ceremonies with their students by **May 25**.

Policy for Student Participation in Graduation Ceremonies in June

Per DOE policy, students must meet graduation requirements to participate in their school's graduation ceremony. Students who have not yet met these requirements at the time of the ceremony may not participate. However, due to the later Regents exam administration this year, the DOE will allow students who meet the conditions detailed below to walk in their school's graduation ceremony.

Eligibility Criteria to Participate in Graduation Ceremony: The New York State June Regents administration and scoring is later this school year than in past years. As a result, some students may not receive their June Regents exam scores before graduation ceremonies. Because of the late June Regents calendar this year, schools must provide students in grade 12, who meet the conditions below, the opportunity to walk in their graduation ceremonies:

- Have earned all credits required for graduation;
- Are dependent on June Regents exam scores to graduate; and
- Are awaiting June Regents exam scores.

Students who are awaiting superintendent approval of pending appeals or determinations to graduate at the time of their graduation ceremonies must also have the opportunity to participate.

Review and Share the 2019–20 School Year Calendar

In preparation for 2019–20 school year, school staff members may review the DOE School Year Calendar, which provides the start and end dates for the school year, the number of instructional and attendance days, and other important legal obligations and disclosures. (Please see the attached).

Updates on CEC Election Voting

The Citywide and Community Education Council (CEC) elections are held every two years as mandated by New York State law. CEC candidates have now been finalized and are posted on the NYC Parent Leaders website. Principals and parent coordinators should encourage parent selectors (i.e., PTA presidents, recording secretary and treasurers) to vote in the elections, which will be held from **May 2–14**. School officials were asked to direct parents and parent selectors to nycparentleaders.org for updates related to the elections; for questions, email Elections2019@schools.nyc.gov.

Pre-K Offers and Waitlists

The DOE will email and mail pre-K offers via USPS to families during the week of **May 6**. Schools will receive an email notifying them that offer information and waitlists are available in MySchools. Families who accept their pre-K offer must pre-register by **May 31**. As schools pre-register students, they should indicate acceptances and declinations on the waitlist screen in MySchools, so that they can begin to make waitlist offers if they have seats available.

SUMMER SCHOOL SITES & FEEDER SCHOOLS – 2019
Update – High Schools included

| <u>HOST SCHOOL</u> | <u>AFFILIATED SCHOOL/S</u> |
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| 30Q010 | 10, 122, 126, 141, 235, 286, 300 |
| 30Q111 | 111, 76 |
| 30Q230 | 127, 145, 227, 230 |
| 30Q150 | 11, 150, 152, 361, 384 |
| 30Q166 | Q78, Q112, Q166, |
| 30Q204 | 204, 291, 78 |
| 30Q212 | 69, 92, 127, 148, 149, 212, 222, 227, 228, 280, |
| 30Q234 | Q2, Q17, Q70, Q84, Q85, Q122, Q151, Q171, Q234, 300 |
| 30Q329 | Self Funded |
| Information Technology | Academy of American Studies, Newcomers, HS of Applied Communication, Academy of Finance & Enterprise, Energy Tech, Info Tec. |
| Long Island City HS | Queens Technical 24Q600 |

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| Bryant HS | Yong Women's Leadership & Frank Sinatra HS |
| Baccalaureate HS | No Summer School |

MAY CALENDAR

- Wed, May 15, 2019

Elementary School and K-8 Schools: Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

- Thu, May 16, 2019

Middle School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

- Mon, May 27, 2019

Memorial Day: schools closed

- Tue, Jun 04, 2019

Eid al-Fitr: schools closed

- Thu, Jun 06, 2019

Anniversary Day: students do not attend