

**NOTES**  
**Community District Education Council 30**  
**Calendar and Business Meeting**  
**September 24, 2018**

The Pledge was recited at 6:35PM.

**Roll Call**

Deborah Alexander, Co-President, conducted roll call.

Present:

Deborah Alexander  
Amina Maiza  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Sabina Omerhodzic  
Myrna Palacios  
Zoubide Bicane

Absent and Excused:

Robert Cruz (Class)  
Ka-Trina Harris (Sick)  
Valarie Lamour (Work)  
Diane Walcott (Religious)

**THERE WAS NO QUORUM**

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

The Superintendent's report follows these notes.

Dr. Composto introduced the new Student member, Zoubida Bicane.

**Presentation: Proposed Zoning for New School Q398 Office of District Planning**

Ms. Alexander announced that there would not be a vote. The Council will vote on the plan at the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at I.S. 145.

William Candell and TR Pearson, Office of District Planning reviewed maps of the proposed zones for impacted schools. It will take effect in the 2019-2020 school year. CDEC30 and CEC24 will have to approve the plan.

**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 and small gift.

Bussing issues in District 30 were discussed. There was a meeting and have GPS installed is a possibility.

NYS test results had not been released yet.

Ms. O'Doherty discussed making I.S. 227 a District 30 school and removing the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Amanda Vendor, parent, discussed segregation.

A parent front District 28 spoke about the importance of choice and educating parents.

Steven Moyano, parent P.S. 149, expressed concern about water testing.

Ms. Broah asked about Linden Court being left out of zoning.

## Superintendent's Report

### Community District Education Council CDEC30 Meeting September 24 2018

#### In support of the Framework for Great Schools under Supportive Environment

##### Dr. Philip A. Composto

- **District 30 Goals** – see the attached.
- District 30 Letter to Community
- New CEC Student Member – Zoubida Bicane – Congratulations and welcome!
- Middle School Fair – October 3, 2018 at I.S. 145 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Middle School Open House dates (see the attached)
- **Capping** grades in schools occurs when large number of families seek to enroll their children in our schools. When the schools have filled their classes on a grade to capacity, the NYC DOE will cap the grade and will provide an overflow site. The following schools have been capped and an overflow site has been provided:

##### CAPPING 2018-19 (as of 9/24/18)

<b>Sending School</b>	<b>Number/Grade of Students</b>	<b>Receiving School</b>
PS 84	5 – kindergarten	PS 2
PS 84	1 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	PS 2
PS 148	6 – kindergarten	PS 149
PS 329	1 – kindergarten	PS 222

- **Universal Literacy Initiative**

This year our district is fortunate to be involved in the Universal Literacy Reading Coach program. The ultimate goal of the initiative is to ensure that every student completes the second grade reading at grade level.

We will have 17 literacy coaches assisting our schools and teachers in raising the reading levels of our students. We are very excited about this new initiative and about increasing our students' reading levels.

- **Council Member Daniel Dromm - Grant Award Allocation**

Once again, Council Member Daniel Dromm allocated D30 with \$5,000 for FY19 in expense funding. Thank you to Daniel Dromm! It will be a one day (Saturday) event focusing on one topic:

1. A Family Fun Day/ Learning Together/ Have Fun and Learn (just some thoughts)
2. STEM
3. Physical Activities and Mindfulness
4. Art workshops/art gallery
5. Parent and child activities

- **State Accountability and Parent Notification**

In accordance with the New York State's accountability system and consistent with federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requirements, schools designated as focus or priority are required to send out a parent notification letter regarding the school's accountability designation for the 2018-19 school year by Friday, September 28, 2018. In addition, the information must be shared with school staff and parents during the School Leadership Team (SLT) and Parent Association/Parent Teacher Association (PA/PTA) meetings by Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

The schools with this designation are:

30Q176 – focus

30Q171 – focus

30Q111 - priority

### **Ensure Staff Complete Emergency Response Training**

In accordance with the NYS Law 2801, all Department of Education school and non-school based staff must complete the annual training on emergency response protocols. September 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline date when this training had to be completed.

### **Designate a Language Access Coordinator**

School officials were asked to designate a staff member to serve as their school's Language Access Coordinator (LAC) in order to support Limited-English Proficient (LEP) parents. The designated member must meet the criteria set forth by the DOE.

### **Distribute Vision Screening Letter and Handout to Parents**

In accordance with DOE Policies, in ATS for all students. Schools will be contacted by a member of the vision screening team from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) in order to schedule the screenings for students in pre-k, kindergarten, and first grade. **Note:** school officials/staff are required to conduct screenings for students in all other grades that are not screened by DOHMH. In preparation to meet this requirement, schools officials are asked to distribute the Vision Screening Letter and the Vision handout to parents, which are available in all DOE languages. The letter explains the importance of vision screening in school, and the handout describes the signs of vision problems in young children.

### **Backpack Home Flyers for NYC Public Libraries Open House**

The DOE in partnership with the New York City Public Library, encourages schools and their staff to backpack home the attached flyer about upcoming open house events at the New York Public Library in Manhattan, the Brooklyn Public Library, and the Queens Library on **September 29**. The public library open houses are designed to connect students and their families across the city with resources—from millions of books, to programs, computer access, online tools, as well as help them to sign-up for a library card. Please encourage your staff and families to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about resources public libraries have to offer.

### **Log in to MySchools to Support Students through High School Admissions**

School Type: **Middle and high schools**

Events: **October 11, December 3**

The DOE's new student enrollment system, called MySchools, is now available to families and schools. MySchools makes it possible for middle and high school families to submit applications online for admissions, just as has been done for pre-K and elementary school admissions.

## **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR 2018**

### **Sept 5**

#### **First Day of School**

Early dismissal for non-District 75 kindergarten students only.  
Partial school time for pre-kindergarten public school students.

### **Sept 6**

First Full Day for Non-District 75 Kindergarten Students  
Partial school time for pre-kindergarten public school students.

**Sept 10–11** Rosh Hashanah (schools closed)

### **Sept 17**

Elementary School: Evening  
Parent-Teacher Conferences\*

**Sept 19** Yom Kippur (schools closed)

### **Sept 26**

High School: Evening  
Parent-Teacher Conferences\*