

**MINUTES**  
**Community District Education Council 30**  
**Calendar Meeting**  
**May 8, 2023**

The May Virtual Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held via Zoom on Monday, May 8, 2023.

Ms. Toussaint, President, called the Calendar Meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Ms. Toussaint introduced the interpreters and explained the format of the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Victoria Medelius conducted a roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

**Present:**

Deborah Alexander  
Kelly Craig  
Jonathan Greenberg  
Juliette-Noor Haji  
Fatima Lakrafl  
Victoria Medelius  
Michelle Moore  
Marisela Santos  
Whitney Toussaint  
Esther Verhalle

**Excused Absence**

Kimberly Androvett

**Absent and Unexcused:**

Kristina Berrouet

**First Public Agenda and Speaking**

Noah Meixler, Director of Astoria Work Project, provided information about his program.  
Phoebe Maye, PTA President PS/IS 111, asked for assistance from the district office.

**Quarterly Meeting with District 30 Elected Executive Board Members**

Nick Masson and Becca Staley provided information about the District 30 Family Fun Day and announced that the Trunk-or-Treat would be held this year on October 27, 2023.

**Presentation: School Safety**

Judy Aguayo Nunez, Borough Safety Director QNS North, presented on Emergency Readiness and General Response Protocols.

Principals are trained every two years.

NYS law dictates that schools have 12 emergency drills a year. Four of the drills are lockdown drills.

There is a bill proposed in Albany that parents receive notice of upcoming drills so they can prepare their children.

This presentation and discussion can be viewed on the CEC30 website, [cec30.org](http://cec30.org).

# General Response Protocols

NYC Public Schools implement a general response protocol based on the type of emergency. During an emergency, a directive made over the public address system is the alert used to initiate a specific action. The action is lifted once the all clear is given by First Responders.

## Lockdown (Soft/Hard)



- When the threat is inside the building.
- “Attention, we are in soft/ hard lockdown. Take proper action.”

## Shelter In



- When the threat is outside the building.
  - Conduct business as usual.
- “Attention, this is a Shelter-In. Secure the exit doors.”

## Evacuate



- Can be called for a variety of reasons that require an evacuation of the building.
- Fire alarm will signal an evacuation.
- When the PA system is used, directions will be specific.

## Hold



- Initiated to manage an incident or building condition which does not place school community in danger.
  - Conduct business as usual.
- “Attention, this is a HOLD. All staff, students, and visitors are to remain where they are until you hear the All Clear”

## Public Comments

Nick Masson, PTO President PS 122, suggested schools offer safety presentations for parents and families. He spoke about a shortage of crossing guards.

Local police precincts hire crossing guards, and they are currently hiring.

Dipa Joardar, Commanding Officer of QNS North School Safety Division, NYPD: Role of the Safety Agent

Safety agents are being hired, but there is still a great need. It takes 4 to 5 months for agents to graduate from the academy. The role of the Safety Agent is to provide safety and security.

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

The Superintendent's Report follows the minutes.

Michelle Moore suggested that PS 84 have hand sanitizer readily available.

Jonathan Greenberg asked if CBOs with DOE Pre-K programs use the same curriculum as the DOE Pre-K centers. Dr. Composto will follow up.

## Public Agenda and Speaking

Christine Canady, parent PS/IS 78, asked if there is a platform where parents can communicate with other parents.

Q&A Becca Staley reported that when she went to the CEC30 website, the IG link led to D30 Rising instead of CEC30. It is being investigated.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

District 30 Family Fun Day, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

BUSINESS MEETING, MONDAY, May 15, at 6:30

Outreach & Communications Committee  
Monday, May 15, following the Business Meeting

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Whitney Toussaint motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Craig and Michelle Moore seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Medelius  
Secretary

The recording and closed caption transcript of this meeting will be available at [cec30.org](http://cec30.org)

## **Superintendent's Report Community District Education Council CDEC30 Meeting May 8, 2023**

### **Creative Classroom Curriculum for 3K and Pre-K**

Starting September 2023, all District 30 3K and Pre-K classes will be following Creative Curriculum. This will provide continuity and coherence across the district and the city.

*The Creative Curriculum for Preschool* is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that features **inquiry**, **exploration**, and **discovery** as the foundation of all learning.

As a content-rich, developmentally appropriate curriculum, it delivers academic rigor alongside social-emotional learning and cognitive development. It also brings meaningful interactions and learning to life in the classroom regardless of whether the class is traditional, remote, or a hybrid version.

### **Updated Guidance on Notification of a Missing Child Policy**

In accordance with NYS Education Law 3222(4), upon notification by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), a school must flag the school records of a child who has been reported as a missing child so that when such school records are requested, the school can immediately notify the NYPD Missing Persons Squad (212 694-7781) and DCJS (800 346-3543) of the request. In addition, a school must immediately report to the NYPD Missing Persons Squad and DCJS any information about the whereabouts of the missing child. The flag will be removed upon notification by DCJS that the missing child has been recovered.

## **Summer School:**

### **Schools to Ensure Students Receive Transportation for Start of Summer School**

This year, students attending a summer program will receive the same transportation service they were assigned during the school year.

- **Busing:** Busing will be provided to eligible students attending Summer Rising. Busing is available from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., with 3:00 p.m. being the latest pick-up time for students who require busing.
- Additionally please note:
  - Students with 12-month IEPs who received specialized transportation during the school year will be placed on curb-to-school bus routes.
  - Students receiving yellow bus services will be assigned a stop based on the summer DBN the student is registered to.
- **MetroCards:** MetroCards will be available for students enrolled in summer programs based on the class/Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) code assignment, and their distance from the summer site.

### **Summer School: Guidance on Supporting Multilingual Learners/English Language Learners**

According to the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) all multilingual learners/English language learners (MLs/ELLs) must be provided equal opportunity to participate in summer school programs and instructional support, including instruction targeting language and literacy development and access to grade-level content. This may include small-group instruction or one-to-one support, with a maximum of a 1:50 teacher-to-student ratio through an integrated English as a New Language (ENL) co-teaching and/or standalone ENL instructional model.

### **School Bus Tracking System Expansion for Bus Routes**

In 2019, the DOE began a multi-year project to modernize NYC's student transportation system. The DOE will expand the School Bus Tracking System's pilot program to two bus companies—Pioneer Transportation Corp and NYC School Bus Umbrella Services—effective **May 8**. Parents and guardians of students whose bus routes are serviced by these companies will now be able to track where their child's bus is located through route-linked technology, using the NYC School Bus app (available for download on both [iPhone](#) and [Android](#) devices) or [the web app](#). Note that the free app requires a NYC Schools Account (NYCSA).

In preparation for this expansion, schools were asked to encourage families to periodically check the [NYC Student Transportation Modernization Plan](#) family-facing page for updates and additional information.

The following schools have NYC School Bus Umbrella Services: PS 2, IS 10, PS 11, PS 17, PS 70, PS 76, PS 84, PS 85, PS/IS 127, IS 141, IS 145, PS 148, PS 166, PS 171, IS 204, PS 212, IS 227, PS 228, IS 230, PS 234, PS 329, PS 361.

### **Opportunity to Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week**

Principals and the school community are encouraged to celebrate teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week from **May 8–12**.

To promote a culture of appreciation and celebration for the resiliency and dedication of our teachers, school officials were asked to encourage members of their school community to do the following:

- Encourage parents, staff, and students to post photos on social media using #ThankATeacherNYC (in accordance with [DOE Digital Citizenship and Social Media Guidelines](#)).

### **Protecting Personally Identifiable Information of Students**

As the end of the school year approaches, schools may receive requests from individuals outside the DOE, such as elected officials or their offices, for personally identifiable information (PII) about students, including the names of students who are graduating.

Pursuant to the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#), such requests must not be honored unless school officials first obtain written consent from a parent or; if the student is age 18 or over, written consent must come from the student.

School officials may not disclose student PII from education records to parties outside the DOE, unless they first obtain consent. PII includes a student's name, OSIS number, contact information, and other information when linked or linkable to PII, such as grade level, grades, test scores, and graduation status. Exceptions do exist to this rule, but one should consult with their senior field counsel before relying on them.

### **2023 Water Testing Results – Q084**

The water at Q084 was tested and 7 out of 38 outlets showed elevated levels of lead. Any drinking or cooking outlet with elevated levels was immediately taken out of service and will remain out of service until it is successfully remediated.

A letter has been sent home to the parents. Included in this letter is a detailed notice and Q&A regarding the specific number of lead elevations and the locations of the associated outlets within your school building. Complete test results are posted on the DOE website at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/schools/Q084>. Click "Reports" and look for the "Facilities" heading.

Families can also visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/space-and-facilities/space-and-facilities-reports/water-safety> to learn more about the robust protocol used to ensure the safety of drinking water in each and every school.