

MINUTES
Community District Education Council 30
Calendar Meeting
March 10, 2020

The March Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in the Multi-Purpose Room of P.S. 228 located at 32-65 93rd Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deborah Alexander, Co-President, called the Calendar meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Roll Call

Shannon Lee, Secretary, conducted roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

Present:

Deborah Alexander
Roberto Cruz
Jonathan Greenberg
Ka-Trina Harris
Fatima Lakrafl
Shannon Lee
Amina Maiza
Nuala O'Doherty
Scott Sharinn
Gurjeet Kaur

Quarterly Meeting with PA/PTA Elected Officers

Co-President Deborah Alexander thanked parent leaders for their dedication and hard work for all students and spoke of the importance of them hearing the Fair Student Funding presentation.

Presentation: Fair Student Funding

Luis Garcia from the Budget Office led a presentation reviewing the Department of Education budget and the per student weighted formula. The Mayor convened a task force to review the formula but to date, there is no information. The PEP will vote on FSF in April. Comments and questions may be directed to: BudgetPublicComments@schools.nyc.gov or (212) 74-6754 by April 21, 2020.

Conversation: DOE Attendance Policy and Screened Schools

The Department of Education will not consider this year's attendance for students applying to middle school and high school. Members discussed consideration of Resolution #140 Regarding Using Attendance and Punctuality as an Admission Metric for Middle School. Members will review the proposed resolution and discuss at the next meeting. Discussion included that the homeless population has a higher absentee rate and attendance can be related to grades and dedication.

Census 2020

Ashley Rzonca and Mr. Vasquez from the UFT explained the reasons for the Census and why it is so important for funding and representation.

Deborah Alexander made a motion to add Resolution #138 Calling on Governor Cuomo and New York State Legislators to Fully Fund the Campaign for Fiscal Equity in New York City and Resolution #139 In Support of Legislation on Charter Accountability and Transparency. Jonathan Greenberg seconded the motion. All in favor.

Shannon Lee read Resolution #138 Calling on Governor Cuomo and New York State Legislators to Fully Fund the Campaign for Fiscal Equity in New York City. Schools currently receive up to only 90% of funding. Schools should receive 100% funding. Ms. Alexander made a motion to adopt Resolution #138. Ms. Lee seconded the motion. Shannon Lee conducted a roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	In Favor
Roberto Cruz	In Favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In Favor
Ka-Trina Harris	In Favor
Shannon Lee	In Favor
Amina Maiza	In Favor
Nuala O'Doherty	In Favor
Scott Sharinn	In Favor

The motion passed.

Ms. Lee read Resolution #139 In Support of Legislation on Charter Accountability and Transparency. Jonathan Greenberg explained that charter schools take advantage of loopholes in the law. Mr. Greenberg made a motion to adopt Resolution #139. Roberto Cruz seconded the motion. Shannon Lee conducted a roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	In Favor
Roberto Cruz	In Favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In Favor
Ka-Trina Harris	In Favor
Shannon Lee	In Favor
Amina Maiza	In Favor
Nuala O'Doherty	In Favor
Scott Sharinn	In Favor

The motion passed.

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

The Superintendent's report follows the minutes.

Adjournment

There being no further business Amina Maiza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan Greenberg seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lee, Voted and Approved May 12, 2020

Shannon Lee
Secretary

Superintendent's Report

Community District Education Council CDEC30 Meeting

In support of the Framework for Great Schools under Supportive Environment

Dr. Philip A. Composto

- **FY2021 Fair Student Funding Budget Allocation Presentation**

- **COVID-19 Coronavirus Fact Sheet & Flyer (please see the attached)**

Communication from Chancellor Carranza

Dear DOE Colleagues,

In recent days, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has confirmed the first cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) connected to New York City. While we all hoped this moment would not come, it was something the City has meticulously prepared for. At this time, it is important to listen to facts and not respond to fear - you do NOT need to:

- Limit travel within the city;
- Change anything about where you get food or how you prepare it;
- Avoid public gatherings or public transportation; or
- Wear a face mask if you are healthy (face masks are only recommended if directed by a health care provider).

Preparation and Protocols in Place

The health and safety of all of our students and staff continues to be our first priority. Working in close partnership with the Health Department, we will continue to update our protocols as the situation evolves, and communicate about any possible impact. Measures taken in schools and other DOE sites include:

- Increasing deep cleanings to two times per week, disinfecting surface areas with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-approved cleaning disinfectant;
- Increasing deep cleanings in schools to two times per week, disinfecting surface areas;
- Ensuring that all 1,800 schools have adequate hygiene and cleaning materials so that bathrooms are continuously stocked with soap and paper towels;
- Confirming that COVID-19-related absences will not impact applications to middle or high schools for the current or the coming year;
- Supplying all schools with facemasks to be used if a student or staff member exhibits symptoms and requires isolation prior to transport to a doctor and/or testing;
- Strongly encouraging students to take time for handwashing, especially before meals; monitoring this and making changes as needed to ensure students have the time;
- Issuing updated guidance on international travel for school trips, including canceling all DOE-sponsored international trips to the following countries with a level-2 or higher advisory alert from the CDC: China, South Korea, Italy, Iran, and Japan; and
- Consistent with guidance from the CDC and NYSED, advising the cancellation of all study abroad programs; this includes where students are scheduled to come from other countries to stay with host families in NYC, and where DOE public school students are hosted abroad.

There are no plans to close schools or offices at this time. This is an extreme measure that can be disruptive to day-to-day life, and the decision to implement will only be taken at the direction of public health experts.

Important Precautions

As a reminder, it is critical that all New Yorkers continue to practice general viral infection prevention measures including:

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve
- Wash your hands regularly
- Avoid touching your face
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

- Get your flu shot – it's never too late
- Stay home if you're feeling sick. Call your doctor and let them know your symptoms and travel history.

If You Have Been Traveling

Per CDC recommendations posted 3/4/2020, travelers returning from affected countries (currently China, Iran, Italy, Japan and South Korea) identified by CDC should stay home for 14 days from the time they left the affected country and monitor their health and avoid contact with others. If returning travelers from affected countries develop fever, cough or trouble breathing, they should call their medical provider and tell them about their symptoms and recent travel. These recommendations apply to any travelers returning after 12:00pm on 3/4/2020. Please monitor the CDC.gov website for updates on affected countries here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>.

Staff Timekeeping

We understand there are many questions around timekeeping given this rapidly evolving situation. Guidance around staff absences related to coronavirus will be issued in the near future.

International Travel Trip Policy for Schools: Currently, all International Trips abroad have been cancelled.

Share NYCSA Account Creation Code Letters with Families

School officials are asked to encourage families to create a NYC Schools Account (NYCSA), family access managers (i.e., school principals, parent coordinators, or other designees) should print prepopulated Account Creation Code letters, using the Family Access Management (FAM) tool, to share with parents who do not have a NYCSA account during parent-teacher conferences. The data in NYCSA supports collaboration among parents and teachers by allowing them to formulate strategies to support their students' academic success.

Share NYC Reads 365 Booklists with Students and Families

The DOE, in partnership with the New York Public Library, launched NYC Reads 365, a citywide program aimed at encouraging children to read for fun by helping them find interesting high-quality books for independent reading. The centerpiece of NYC Reads 365 is a collection of reading lists for students, including books recommended by students, families, DOE educators, and community members—submitted via a survey earlier this school year—that reflect a wide range of diverse perspectives, genres, formats, styles, and subject matter. School officials were asked to share this resource with their students, including specific titles suggested by members of their school community, as well as in-home, reading-related activities.

Ensure Schools Complete the NYC School Survey – Due March 31st

Earlier this month, the NYC School Survey for parents/guardians, students, support staff, and teachers opened. The deadline to complete the survey is **March 31**.

Nominate Outstanding Principals for the Big Apple Award – Deadline Friday, March 20, 2020

The DOE is recognizing exemplary educational leadership through the first annual Big Apple Principal Award. Superintendents, BCO staff, and school communities (e.g., students, families, administrators, support staff, and teachers) are encouraged to nominate current, full-time principals who have

demonstrated significant and positive impact in service of students and families.

One can nominate outstanding principals by sharing this nomination link with colleagues and community members <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5488234/Big-Apple-Principal-Award-Nomination>. Nominations are due by **March 20**. Award recipients will be recognized as exemplary leaders and will spend the 2020–21 school year representing principals citywide as members of the Chancellor’s Principal Cabinet, while continuing to work in their school. For more information about the Big Apple Principal Award and the selection criteria, visit the Big Apple Principal Award website.

MARCH 2020 CALENDAR

Thu, Mar 12, 2020*

Parent Teacher Conferences for Middle Schools and District 75 Programs (Evening)

Fri, Mar 13, 2020*

Parent Teacher Conferences for Middle Schools and District 75 Programs (Afternoon)

Thu, Mar 19, 2020*

Parent Teacher Conferences for High Schools K-12 and 6-12 Schools (Evening)

Fri, Mar 20, 2020*

Parent Teacher Conferences for High Schools K-12 and 6-12 Schools (Afternoon)

Wed, Mar 25, 2020-Thu, Mar 26, 2020

New York State English Language Arts (ELA)

Mon, Apr 06, 2020 - Fri, May 15, 2020

New York State English as a Second Language Test (NYESLAT) - Speaking Portion

Thu, Apr 09, 2020-Fri, Apr 17, 2020

Spring Recess (Schools closed)

*These parent teacher conference dates are citywide. However, schools may decide to hold conferences on alternative dates, with approval.

TESTING CALENDAR – March through June 2020

Mon, Mar 09, 2020 - Fri, Jun 05, 2020

New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)

Wed, Mar 25, 2020-Thu, Mar 26, 2020

New York State English Language Arts (ELA)

Mon, Apr 06, 2020 - Fri, May 15, 2020

New York State English as a Second Language Test (NYESLAT) - Speaking Portion

Wed, Apr 22, 2020-Thu, Apr 23, 2020

New York State Mathematics

Mon, May 04, 2020-Fri, May 15, 2020

New York State English as a Second Language Test (NYESLAT) Reading, Writing, Listening

Mon, May 18, 2020-Fri, May 29, 2020
New York State Science Performance Test

Mon, Jun 01, 2020-Wed, Jun 03, 2020
New York State Science Written Section

Tue, Jun 02, 2020
New York State Regents - U.S. History and Geography (New Framework)

Tue, Jun 02, 2020
NYC Language Other Than English (LOTE)

Wed, Jun 17, 2020-Thu, Jun 25, 2020
New York State Regents

Mon, Jun 22, 2020
NYC Second Language Proficiency (SLP)