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### **Resolution #124**

#### **Opposing the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as the United States Secretary of Education**

Whereas, the Community District Education Council for District 30 in New York City has been elected by parents in Community School District 30 to oversee and consult on policy for the students of the district, within the confines of both federal and state statutes governing education; and

Whereas, the Community District Education Council for District 30 wants all of our students, regardless of ability, background, race, or gender, to feel secure, focusing on the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and relational growth of our students; and

Whereas, President-Elect Trump has called for the nomination of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education of the United States, a candidate apparently lacking any credentials as an educator, experience in the administration and management of public schools, demonstrating a pre-disposition towards and long-history of support for charter schools and school voucher programs, which by their very nature eviscerate free and appropriate public education for specific economic, social and racial groups; and

Whereas, Ms. DeVos has been at the forefront of the establishment of the Detroit charter school initiative, by all accounts an abject failure which hurt students and enriched the coffers of private companies.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Community District Education Council for District 30 hereby, based on this record, opposes the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education, and until such time as the incoming Trump administration presents a formal vision for the future of public education in the United States of America, will continue to oppose such a nomination, and call upon the incoming United States Senate to stand firm by opposing this nominee and affirming this serious need; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved, that the Community District Education Council for District 30 invites the president-elect, the nominee for Secretary of Education or representatives of the incoming education team to meet with them to conduct a forthright and meaningful discussion about the future of public education and their strategies to affect the necessary changes.

**VOTED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: JANUARY 9, 2017**