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Resolution #129

Regarding a One School Solution for Q300

Whereas, Q300 is a K-8 Citywide Gifted and Talented School, and is the only such school in the borough of Queens, and draws most of its diverse student body from Queens; and

Whereas, Q300 is split between two co-located school buildings in Western Queens, an area currently experiencing unprecedented growth; and

Whereas, in a split-site configuration the administration of Q300 faces operational and academic challenges, such as excessive time for administrators to travel between buildings, and duplicative administrative and faculty spaces; and

Whereas, in a split-site configuration the school community of Q300 struggles to create a cohesive culture for both upper and lower school; and

Whereas, the two school sites at which Q300 is co-located, PS 17 and IS 126, will soon require additional space for their zoned students to meet the increasing need for seats, particularly at PS 17, which has expanded their Dual Language program and UPK classrooms; and

Whereas, both the PS 17 and IS 126 facilities are not ADA-accessible, as required by law, and in conflict with the school's core value of inclusion; and

Whereas, Q300 parents have formed a dedicated committee to resolve these issues, constructively working with the Superintendent, Community District Education Council 30, and the Department of Education.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community District Education Council 30 believes in and supports the Q300 community's request to consolidate the K-8 grades into a single building.

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