

**COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 30
RESOLUTION #137
IN SUPPORT OF I.S. 227 (LOUIS ARMSTRONG MIDDLE SCHOOL)**

WHEREAS, I.S. 227 (Louis Armstrong Middle School) (“LAMS”) is a 5-8 middle school in District 30; and

WHEREAS, LAMS was founded in 1979 as a court-ordered experiment in racial integration and;

WHEREAS, the mission of LAMS is “to bring together a group of culturally diverse children to help them grow academically, emotionally, physically, and socially”; and

WHEREAS, LAMS students come from over one-hundred different countries and speak approximately sixty-seven different languages; and

WHEREAS, the student body at LAMS mirrors the demographics of Queens as a whole; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the school, LAMS has begun at 5th grade, and the 5th grade is a crucial component of the school’s model; and

WHEREAS, every district in Queens is currently represented at LAMS; and

WHEREAS, LAMS is not an academically screened school, and accepts all children of every ability based upon a lottery and in alignment with the current census of Queens; and

WHEREAS, parents and students in District 30 consistently applaud the choice of applying to LAMS; and

WHEREAS, academic and social-emotional outcomes at LAMS are overwhelmingly positive, as evidenced in the School Quality Survey, where LAMS earns 90% or higher in areas such as: being inclusive toward children with IEPs, feeling safe at school, both physically and emotionally, and satisfaction with teachers, administration, and overall education; and

WHEREAS, the important concerns which remain about large numbers of students coming from any one school are currently being addressed by the Superintendent and Department of Education, and the results will be published by the Office of Student Enrollment upon completion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Community District Education Council for District 30 declares the 1979 experiment to be a resounding success by creating and maintaining a fully diverse school, representative of children of all demographics and academic abilities, and where children are nurtured in a holistic academic and social-emotional manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Community District Education Council for District 30 awards its commendation to and lends its full support of the current 5-8 model of I.S. 227 (Louis Armstrong Middle School).

VOTED AND APPROVED: February 11, 2020