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RESOLUTION #141

IN SUPPORT OF POSTPONING CITYWIDE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Subdivision 9 of section 2590-c of New York State education law was amended on April 1, 2019 to allow all parents and guardians of students in NYC Public Schools to vote to select members of the district and citywide community education councils, in order to provide a more democratic process to elect their representatives; and

WHEREAS, Subdivision 9 of section 2590-c of the amended education law provided for the appointment of a task force on community district education councils consisting of parents whose child or children are attending a public school within the community school districts and other members with relevant expertise; and

WHEREAS, a Task Force, appointed by the Mayor, was required to review the eligibility criteria to serve on a community district education council, the process for selecting community council members, and their terms of office; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was required to and did submit a report concerning its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and the Chancellor by November 1, 2019;

WHEREAS, recommendations contained in the report were to be incorporated as amendments to Chancellor's Regulation D-140, D-150, D-160, and D-170 to reflect changes to the election process but were not, due to Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, the next citywide and district council elections are scheduled for Spring of 2021 and there is inadequate time to properly implement any process as required by the amended law; and

WHEREAS, to allow for continuity it will be necessary to permit members, whose eligibility to serve on their respective councils will expire, to continue to serve; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education must engage directly with each Council to obtain feedback on this and any issue related to Citywide and Community Education Councils; and, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Citywide and Community Education Council elections scheduled for the Spring of 2021 be postponed until the Spring of 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any postponement of citywide and district education council elections reflect the necessity to allow members, whose eligibility has expired, to continue to serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Education must make a determination on this issue only after consulting directly with each Citywide and Community Education Council.

VOTED AND APPROVED: May 27, 2020