



## COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 30

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### RESOLUTION #147 REGARDING THE 2020 CEC TOWN HALL WITH CHANCELLOR CARRANZA

**WHEREAS**, NYS Education law §2590-h requires the NYC Schools Chancellor (“the Chancellor”) to meet with each Community Education Council (“CEC”) at least once every two years<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, the Chancellor has engaged with CECs through Town Hall meetings, hosted by each Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education (“DOE”), through their office of Family and Community Empowerment (“FACE”) has helped facilitate the Town Hall meetings by collaborating with CECs on meeting format and providing translation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chancellor last met with the District 30 CEC (“CEC30”) on October 15, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, CEC30 and FACE selected October 22, 2020 to hold the Town Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chancellor is available for sixty (60) minutes, which includes announcements, introductions, and opening remarks as well as Q&A; and

**WHEREAS**, recent, citywide Town Halls with the Chancellor have undergone technical challenges and translation challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, CEC30 therefore requested a published start-time of 6:00pm of its meeting with a 6:30pm arrival of the Chancellor in order to allow time for parents to arrive, in order to account for potential technological difficulties, in order to make translation announcements, and in order to maximize the Chancellor’s one-hour availability; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the proposal of a clearly worded flyer, FACE rejected a 6:00pm meeting start-time, citing the expectation that the Chancellor would be speaking at that time and would give the impression that he was arriving late; and

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<sup>1</sup> §2590-h. Powers and duties of chancellor. To hold a public meeting in each community district, in conjunction with the community district education council, during a two year period, beginning with the two thousand nine—two thousand ten school year, in order to report on public school finances, student performance, and educational goals and priorities of the city district and to receive and respond to public comments and concerns. The chancellor shall direct the community superintendent to provide public notice of such meeting in order to maximize the participation of parents, students, and all other interested parties.

**WHEREAS**, recent, citywide Town Halls with the Chancellor have adhered to a strict timeframe, netting only a handful of parent questions to be addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, District 30 is home to 39,000 families (pre-K through 12) with unique challenges and questions, yet is provided the same time with the Chancellor as districts half its size; and

**WHEREAS**, CEC30 therefore requested that the Chancellor commit to answering a minimum of twenty questions, selected by CEC30 from the District 30 community; and

**WHEREAS**, despite offering to provide the twenty questions in advance, FACE rejected a commitment to answering at least twenty questions.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NYC Schools Chancellor should agree to the Town Hall format provided by Community Education Council for District 30 as provided and as has historically been the practice.

**VOTED AND APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2020