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RESOLUTION #154

REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR HONOR HIS PROMISE OF PARENT ENGAGEMENT PRIOR TO INSTITUTING CHANGES TO THE G&T PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Mayor DeBlasio announced on January 11, 2021, forthcoming changes to the Gifted and Talented (“G&T”) program. The Mayor stated the City needs to engage with the community to decide the way forward, promising, “From this point through to the end of the Summer, we’ll go through that engagement process for a new vision, and we’ll have that formula by September, and then we’ll act on it in September;” and

WHEREAS, when the Panel for Educational Policy declined to renew the G&T testing contract on January 27, 2021, the Mayor reiterated his commitment to family engagement; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Porter committed to family engagement on G&T when she took office; and

WHEREAS, at a July 15, 2021 press conference, the Mayor recognized that family engagement was essential to the reimagining of the G&T program, saying, “We’ve learned from times when we did things well, in terms of that engagement. We’ve learned from times we didn’t do that engagement well enough; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of families annually submit applications to the G&T program and District 30 currently houses four district G&T programs and one Citywide program, all of which have long waitlists for students who do not receive seats, demonstrating local interest in these programs; and

WHEREAS, to date, there has been no engagement of parents and guardians, or District 30 principals, teachers, PTAs, SLTs regarding changes to the G&T program, instead being decided entirely without their input as promised by the Mayor and DOE.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Education Council for District 30 urges Chancellor Porter and other DOE officials to hold equitably facilitated meetings, in person, remote, and asynchronously with parents, educators, and stakeholders in an open public meeting to solicit community input, within the next four weeks or prior to the announcement and implementation of any changes to G&T programs.

In Favor: 6 *Deborah Alexander, Kelly Craig, Fatima Lakraflī, Marisela Santos, Whitney Toussaint, Esther Verhalle*

Opposed: 4 *Jonathan Greenberg, Juliette-Noor Haji, Michelle Moore, Chuck Park*

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