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RESOLUTION #164

TO SUPPORT THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. PHILIP A. COMPOSTO AS THE DISTRICT 30 SUPERINTENDENT

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto has been the superintendent of District 30 for 19 years, following his 11-year tenure as a District 30 principal; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto has been steadfast in his conviction to support the whole child, create pathways and opportunities for all children, and putting what is best for children first; and

WHEREAS, District 30 would not be as strong and successful a district if not for the guidance, collaboration, and leadership of Dr. Composto, who is available to us at all times of the day and night; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto meets regularly with school administrators, teachers, school support staff, parents, and students, and is always available, in both times of challenge and celebration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto believes in a “we” versus an “I” mindset, consistently incorporating the moniker “Team 30” in oral and written form; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto shares and reviews with the CEC NYS Report Cards and ESSA Accountability Reports; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto effectively and compassionately lead the District 30 community through the onset, height, and now recovery periods of Covid-19, keeping the CEC apprised daily about school/classroom closures and case counts, overseeing 15 school-based feeding sites which provided food to over 1,500 families at each site, and offering families virtual workshops such as “Social Emotional Learning, How to Support Students Coping with Grief & Loss,” and “Finding Predictability When Things Are Unpredictable;” and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto balances his articulation of Central DOE initiatives and policy with the thoughts and concerns of the CEC and District 30 community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto applied for and received the following grants, raising the profile of our district with regard to college savings, school integration, arts in education, and STEM: NYSIP-PLC (partnering with Temple University to create a District Equity Team), Learning

Technology Grant, Roots and Rhythms Art Grant, NYC Kids Rise¹ (now implemented throughout NYC), My Brother's Keeper (focused on closing and eliminating the opportunity gap for young men of color); a \$2.4 million grant to increase diversity in dual language and higher level courses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto spearheaded workshops on topics that included advanced literacy, NYC Kids Rise, cultural responsiveness, implicit bias and diversity, P-EBT cards, mindfulness, NYCSA accounts, PA/PTA election training; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto introduced an equity and diversity initiative from the CAVU Group and Learner Center Initiatives, which included the implementation of workshops such as "Representation Matters," "Words Have Meanings," "Strength of Voice and Emotions," "Conflict Coaching," "Growth Mindset," and "Perception vs. Reality."

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto created family engagement events such as: Family Improv Jam, The Magic of Joel, District 30 Happy Hour at the Aquarium, District 30 Family Dance Fitness Night, and Let's Play Chess; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Composto regularly attends: CEC meetings, Presidents' Council meetings, community events such as neighborhood civic association meetings, school-wide events such as the Multicultural Fashion Show, SLT trainings, DLT meetings

WHEREAS, in 2018, this Council unanimously passed Resolution #131, "In Recognition and Support of Dr. Philip A. Composto, District 30 Community Superintendent,"² wherein the Council pledged "its continued support" of Dr. Composto;

WHEREAS, on each and every CEC Superintendent evaluation for the past twelve years, Dr. Composto has received the highest allowable score accompanied by glowing praise from varied council members throughout those years.

WHEREAS, many members of this Council sent letters³ in support of Dr. Composto to Chancellor Banks and Deputy Chancellor Blackburn; and

WHEREAS, a rally was held on May 12, 2022⁴ wherein over 700 community members joined over the course of 4 hours to express their unequivocal support for Dr. Composto; and

WHEREAS, a petition entitled "District 30 Supports Superintendent Composto"⁵ has garnered over 3,000 signatures; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2022, NYS Senator Michael Gianaris, Councilmembers Tiffany Caban, Zohran Mandani, Julie Won, and NYS Assemblymembers Cathy Nolan and Brian Barnwell held a press conference and rally⁶ in support of Dr. Composto, asking the DOE to listen to parents; and

¹ <https://d30pilot.nyckidsrise.org/>

² <http://www.cec30.org/resolutions.html>

³ <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:059487e2-583b-31b9-85fe-dfc094df0204>

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7Sx-t0N1XY>

⁵ <https://chnng.it/TXbxrG4R>

⁶ <https://licpost.com/does-rejection-of-dr-philip-composto-as-superintendent-angers-parents-and-local-leaders>

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2022, the DOE and CEC held a Town Hall⁷ as part of the C-37 hiring process to interview the four candidates for District 30 Superintendent and, as reflected by both verbal and written comments, the overwhelmingly preferred candidate was Dr. Composto; and

WHEREAS, after the Town Hall, the CEC collected 312 written surveys asking for feedback on the candidates, where the “Excellent rating” for Dr. Composto was seven times higher than the nearest candidate.

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that, in response to the unequivocal support of the District 30 community, the Community Education Council for District 30 formally recommends that Chancellor Banks appoint Dr. Philip A. Composto as the Superintendent of District 30.

Voted: June 6, 2022

Deborah Alexander	In Favor
Kristina Berrouet	Not Present
Kelly Craig	In Favor
Jonathan Greenberg	Abstain
Juliette-Noor Haji	Abstain
Fatima Lakrafl	In Favor
Victoria Medelius	In Favor
Michelle Moore	Abstain
Marisela Santos	Abstain
Whitney Toussaint	Abstain
Esther Verhalle	Abstain

Resolution did not pass

⁷ <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/superintendent-candidate-town-hall-recordings>