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### RESOLUTION #166

#### ASKING THE DOE TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO PHYSICAL, PAPER-BASED HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORIES

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the traditional, paper-based High School Directory, which included full-page descriptions of every public high school in New York City, was discontinued in favor of the web-based MySchools platform; and

**WHEREAS**, while such a web-based platform provided convenience in one respect, it made the process more difficult by removing clarifying details and specific information on each school, and reduced communication, transparency and accountability, as the DOE can make corrections and/or changes at any time without notifying families; and

**WHEREAS**, District 30 has a majority of families that are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch who may not have appropriate capabilities to equitably utilize the internet in their high school research and selection; and

**WHEREAS**, New York City has over 700 public high schools from which to choose, making internet research less pragmatic than tactile, on-paper research; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 NYC DOE Report on Guidance Counselors<sup>1</sup> shows that NYC public schools denotes one guidance counselor for every 294 students, making it near-impossible for guidance counselors to devote additional resources to help teach, train, facilitate on-line research for families in need.

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the overwhelming and complicated nature of the on-line platform should be revisited and made more accessible for students and families.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Community District Education Council for District 30 asks the DOE to provide full paper copies of its High School Directory to:

1. at least one public library in each community school district;
2. every Family Welcome Center;
3. every middle school's guidance department;
4. every Community Education Council; and
5. every district President's Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Community Education Council for District 30 asks the DOE to provide full paper copies of its High School Directory by request of a district, school, and/or family.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Community Education Council for District 30 asks the DOE to provide a searchable PDF copy of the full High School Directory on-line so that individuals and/or schools may print sections or pages as needed.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://infohub.nyced.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/report-on-guidance-counselors-2022.pdf>