



## **COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 30**

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### **RESOLUTION #170**

#### **In Support of CEC28 Opposing the Co-Location of Success Academy in Campus Q072**

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2022, CEC 28 passed a resolution opposing the co-location of a Success Academy in Campus Q072 – Catherine and Count Basie Campus, and

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of Education has notified school communities of the possibility of a Success Academy Charter School serving grades K-4 to be co-located in the Catherine and Count Basie Campus Q072, and

WHEREAS, Catherine and Count Basie Middle School 28Q072, Redwood Middle School 28Q332, and P993 D75 are schools currently in existence at this campus, and

WHEREAS, the schools currently existing in the Catherine and Count Basie Campus provide our community with educational choices for our children, and

WHEREAS, despite the complexity of sharing space, the schools in the Catherine and Count Basie Campus have successfully achieved protocols that allow their students to maximize their middle school and special education experiences, and

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of Education held a meeting for their School Leadership Teams to hear comments from the community on November 15, 2022, and

WHEREAS, there were 217 community members in attendance at this meeting and not one person spoke in favor of the proposal to move a charter school into the Catherine and Count Basie Q072 campus, and

WHEREAS, members of the community voiced concerns regarding the impact on equity and safety inside and outside of the campus the addition of this fourth school would cause, and

WHEREAS, members of the community explained that adding a fourth school will undoubtedly hinder and lessen the overall academic, social and emotional experience of the current students at the campus by taking space and limiting existing programs as well as the expansion of the existing schools already underway involving the addition of new programs, and

WHEREAS, members of the community stated that the DOE's assessment underestimates the actual building utilization of the existing schools at the campus and what future utilization will be due to the recently signed class size reduction law and expansion of campus programs, and

WHEREAS, members of the community explained that the addition of a fourth school to the campus would limit reasonable and humane access for current students to shared spaces such as the cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium and school library;

WHEREAS, a number of School Leadership Teams around the district have signed or are in the process of signing a similar resolution (upon which this resolution is mostly based) opposing the Success Academy colocation in the Catherine and Count Basie Campus Q072.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Education Council District 30 supports Community Education Council 28 and opposes the proposal to open and co-locate a Success Academy Charter School in the Catherine and Count Basie Campus Q072; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that CEC 30 calls on the NYC Department of Education to protect and further support the Community School District 28 public schools by investing in them rather than diverting resources to charter schools; and therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, CEC 30 asks that the Panel for Educational Policy meeting for a Success Academy colocation should take place at an in person meeting at a DOE facility in or near Rochdale Village in Jamaica Queens in District 28; and be it further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CEC 30 asks that elected officials representing District 28 in the New York Assembly and New York Senate should explore possible legislation to:

- cut public funding for charters who simply manage their populations to include higher achieving students, have high attrition rates, or have a reputation for intentionally counseling families to depart, instead of a charter school statistically demonstrating improved educational outcomes for all students who enroll, including the most disadvantaged students in particular; and
- focus on older charter school chains and condition the renewal of public funding upon negotiating collective bargaining agreements with its work force after a charter chain has been established for a certain amount of time; and
- alternatively, remove state mandates that force the NYC Department of Education to cut public school budgets in order to pay rent for charter schools that are not co-located in DOE schools.

**VOTED AND APPROVED JANUARY 13, 2023**