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RESOLUTION #172

In Support of the Department of Education Restoring Weekly Parent Engagement Time with Teachers

WHEREAS on Friday, June 2, 2023, the New York City Public Schools released its 2023–2024 calendar; and

WHEREAS, in contrast to previous years, the calendar was released without approval from the United Federation of Teachers (UFT);¹ and

WHEREAS, without a new agreement on next year's calendar and work week for teachers, the teacher work day reverts to a 2014 agreement between the UFT and NYCPS that mandates 37.5 minutes of tutoring or small-group instruction after the school day Monday through Thursday of each week; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 agreement does not include designated weekly time for parent engagement; and

WHEREAS, parent engagement time with teachers is critical for student success and for a strong school community; and

WHEREAS, a scheduled weekly time when parents know that teachers are available has made teachers more accessible to parents, leading to more engagement; and

WHEREAS, NYCPS's own "Parents' Bill of Rights" ensures the rights of parents to "participate in regular written or verbal communication with teachers...and share their concerns regarding their child's academic, social, and behavioral progress" and "be informed on a regular basis, both informally and through formal progress reports, of their child's academic and behavioral progress in school."²

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District 30 Community Education Council supports the United Federation of Teachers asking the Department of Education to continue negotiations about the teacher workday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CEC 30 recommends that NYCPS restores in the 2023–2024 school year the parent engagement time that is currently part of the teacher workday.

VOTED AND APPROVED ON JUNE 12, 2023

¹ Amy Zimmer, "NYC's 2023-24 school calendar is out, and many teachers aren't happy," *Chalkbeat New York*, June 2, 2023, <https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2023/6/2/23747040/nyc-2023-2024-school-calendar-first-day-winter-recess-spring-break>

² "Parents' Bill of Rights," New York City Public Schools, Accessed June 8, 2023, <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/know-your-rights/parents-bill-of-rights>

