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RESOLUTION #175

CONDEMNING ATTACKS IN ISRAEL

WHEREAS, there has been rising antisemitism in the United States and New York City in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Tristate Area has the largest community of Jews outside of Israel, many of whom have family, friends, and other connections to Israel; and

WHEREAS, CEC30 values diversity, inclusivity, and the promotion of peace and understanding among all people; and

WHEREAS, CEC30 is committed to fostering a safe and respectful learning environment for all students, regardless of their backgrounds, beliefs, or affiliations; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Israel experienced a violent terrorist attack, causing harm to innocent civilians and further escalating tensions in the region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that we, as representatives of our community, take a stance to promote peace, understanding, and dialogue as a means to address conflicts and prevent further loss of life; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the importance of fostering an open and inclusive atmosphere within our schools, where students and staff can learn about global issues and engage in thoughtful discussions to gain a better understanding of the complexities of these matters; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that our students come from diverse backgrounds and have varying perspectives on global issues, and it is our duty to encourage them to express their opinions respectfully and peacefully while fostering an environment that promotes tolerance and empathy; and

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with all those affected by violence and conflict, and we extend our deepest sympathies to the victims and their families in Israel and abroad.

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that CEC 30:

1. Strongly condemns all acts of violence and aggression against Israel;

2. Expresses our sincere condolences to all those affected by the recent attacks and ongoing conflict, including students and families within our school community who may have personal ties to the affected areas;
3. Encourages open and respectful discussions within our schools, providing a platform for students to learn about and express their viewpoints on global issues while fostering an environment of tolerance and empathy;
4. Commits to providing support and resources for students who may be experiencing emotional distress or seeking guidance related to the conflict; and
5. Will continue to uphold the values of diversity, inclusivity, and peace in our educational mission, emphasizing the importance of global understanding and cooperation among all students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CEC 30 calls upon the NYCPS to send an e-mail communication to the entire community, including families and staff, that:

1. Unequivocally condemns the attacks;
2. Unequivocally condemns antisemitism, whenever and wherever it occurs;
3. Offers support and resources to students and families in need; and
4. Offers support and resources to teachers for how to support affected students, including educational resources regarding antisemitism.