



## Community District Education Council 26 New York City Department of Education

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<b>Karen Rose Scutt</b>	<b>Tanweer Ansari</b>			

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### **July 5, 2018 SHSAT Committee Meeting: 6:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Alan Ong, John Gavros, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Karen Rose Scott, Dilip Nath, Adriana Aviles, and Tanweer Ansari

- I. CDEC26 members discussed resolution vote against removing, limiting or changing the admissions criteria, such as the Specialized High School Admissions Test ("SHSAT"), for admission into the Specialized High Schools of New York City. The committee decided to present the resolution at July 5<sup>th</sup> Calendar Meeting.

### **July 5, 2018 Annual Election 7:05 PM**

**Annual Meeting called to Order and Roll Call at 7:06 PM by Alan Ong.**

**Present:** Alan Ong, John Gavros, Roy Menendez, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Karen Rose Scott, Dilip Nath, Michelle Liu, Adriana Aviles, and Tanweer Ansari

**Absent:** Shajid Ali Muhammad (excused), Roy Menendez (excused) & Michelle Liu (excused)

- I. **Annual Election:** Adriana Aviles was elected chair pro-tem unanimously and started the procedure for conducting elections.
  - 1) **John Gavros nominated Alan Ong for the position of President and David Wong seconded the nomination.** Nomination was accepted by Alan Ong. Roll call vote was taken.  
**8 Yes-** Alan Ong was unanimously elected as President for CEC26 for 2018-2019 school year.
  - 2) **Alan Ong nominated John Gavros for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and Adriana Aviles seconded the nomination** John Gavros accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken.  
**8 Yes-** John Gavros was unanimously elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for CEC26 for 2018-2019 school year.
  - 3) **Alan Ong nominated Shengchao Yu as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and John Gavros seconded the nomination.** Shengchao Yu accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken.  
**8 Yes-** Shengchao Yu was unanimously elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President for CEC26 for 2018-2019 school year.
  - 4) **John Gavros nominated Adriana Aviles for the position of Recording Secretary.** Adriana Aviles accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken.  
**8 Yes-** Adriana Aviles was unanimously elected as Recording Secretary for CEC26 for 2018-2019 school year.
  - 5) **Alan Ong nominated David Wong for the position of treasurer and John Gavros seconded the nomination.** Mr. Wong accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken.  
**8 Yes-** Alan Ong was unanimously elected as treasurer for CEC26 for 2018-2019 school year.
- II. Alan Ong motioned to hold Calendar Meeting at 7:20 PM to accommodate parents and children not staying too late at the meeting. Vote was passed unanimously.
- III. Annual Election was concluded and meeting called to adjournment by Alan Ong and John Gavros seconded the motion at 7:20 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Calendar Meeting Minutes**

**Calendar Meeting: 7:21 PM**

**Meeting called to Order and Roll Call at 7:10PM by Alan Ong.**

**Present:** Alan Ong, John Gavros, Roy Menendez, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Karen Rose Scott, Dilip Nath, Michelle Liu, Adriana Aviles, and Tanweer Ansari

**Absent:** Shajid Ali Muhammad (excused), Roy Menendez (excused) & Michelle Liu (excused)

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26 and District 26 Team

II. **Welcome**

- III. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Giunta welcomed parents and community. She reviewed our accomplishment and success for 2017-2018 school year. She also gave report on 2018-2019 plan for schools to parents.

IV. **Resolution vote against removing, limiting or changing SHSAT admission criteria.**

Alan Ong motioned to vote in support of Resolution calling upon Governor Cuomo and New York State Legislature to vote against removing, limiting or changing the admissions criteria, such as the Specialized High School Admissions Test ("SHSAT"), for admission into the Specialized High Schools of New York City, and to stop Mayor Bill de Blasio and Chancellor Richard Carranza assault on the standardized objective admissions criteria for the Specialized High Schools. (See addendum A for resolution).

**Vote: 7 Yes 1 No**

**Yes:** Alan Ong, David Wong, Dilip Nath, Adriana Aviles, Tanweer Ansari, Shengchao Yu, John Gavros.

**No:** Karen Rose Scutt

**Resolution was approved and passed by CEC26 by majority votes.**

V. **Public Comment:**

- 1) Shan Lai- The mayor took away poor kids hope. It's very sad that the mayor & superintendent continue to lie and mislead people by claiming that those who do well in SHSAT are from well off & privileged families. While large percent of them are actually from low income families whose only hope is to change their life is to study hard and get a good education.
- 2) David Xu- My daughter is Stuyvesant Alumni and graduated from MS 74. My family spent a lot of efforts to support her. We didn't take vacation to save money for her piano lessons. Her test prep itself is not the issue. Thanks to MS 74 to build a strong foundation for her achievement.
- 3) Jane Kang- I came to NY from Florida in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I am also an immigrant from China. I did not do any test prep and I got into Bronx Science. I was in gifted/talent in Florida and their education system did not fail me. How about propose everyone taking the exam in the middle schools. Some kids don't even sit for the exam.
- 4) Carolyn Bell – I resent the fact that the Mayor has pitted Asian American against black Hispanic Americans. Keep the test. Make available opportunities for kids to excel. Build more excellent schools.
- 5) Heyi Lu- The top 6% of some school students may not meet the standard of specialized high school.
- 6) Sarah Yu (4<sup>th</sup> grader) - The SHSAT should be kept. How else would eager students get into these great SHSAT HS> Students should get the great education they deserve.
- 7) Vicki Paladino- Keep the test. Fix your JHS. \$31 billion budget and put more toward where the money going.
- 8) Janet Chen- the NYC mayor should word hard to improve the education resources. He can't just lower the bar of the standard.
- 9) Kids admitted to specialize high school have innate talent are groomed to be our future doctors, lawyers, engineers, architects. I want to be treated by qualified doctors, represented by smart lawyers, live in sound architectural building not by who is popular or who got better GPA in middle school, based on teacher's subjective opinion. Or was accepted based on the color of their skin.
- 10) Some may argue that the test doesn't correctly represent the abilities of a student but if one looks at the test, what is present on it is very similar to what is taught in school. There is obviously strong correlation between SHSAT scores and school grades.

Alan Ong made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Seconded by John Gavros. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM pm.

**July 5, 2018**

**Business Meeting**

**Meeting called to Order and Roll Call at 8:30 PM by Alan Ong.**

**Present:** Alan Ong, John Gavros, Roy Menendez, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Karen Rose Scott, Dilip Nath, Michelle Liu, Adriana Aviles, and Tanweer Ansari

**Absent:** Shajid Ali Muhammad (excused), Roy Menendez (excused) & Michelle Liu (excused)

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26 and District 26 Team

- I. **Minutes** was reviewed for June 21, 2018 and motion was made by John Gavros to approve the minutes and seconded by Tanweer Ansari. Motion passed unanimously for approval of minutes.
- II. **Resolution for Budget 2018-2019** –Treasure Wong presented the budget for the council and motion to approve the budget. Motion passed unanimously. **Budget was approved for 2018-2019 (please see addendum B).**
- III. **Meeting Dates for 2018-2019:** Motion was made by Alan Ong and seconded by John Gavros to approve CEC26 meeting dates for 2018-2019 (see addendum C). Motion approved unanimously. Vote- 8 Yes. **(see addendum C)**
- IV. **School Liaison:** CDEC26 approved unanimously to keep the same liaison as 2017-2018.
- V. **Superintendent Evaluation:** Superintendent Evaluation was approved and unanimously passed by CEC26.
- VI. **Committees:** Dual Language Committee will be chaired by Shengchao Yu and Michelle Liu.
- VII. **President's Report:**
- VIII. **Dual Language Committee:**
- IX. **Old Business:**
- X. **New Business:**

Alan Ong motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20PM.

**Absence-**

Shajid Ali Muhammad notified President Alan Ong of being out of country due to work.

Michelle Liu- notified President Alan Ong absence due to work.

Roy Menendez- notified President Alan Ong absence due to military service,

**Addendum A:**



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**Approved on July 5, 2018**

Resolution calling upon Governor Cuomo and New York State Legislature to vote against removing, limiting or changing the admissions criteria, such as the Specialized High School Admissions Test (“SHSAT”), for admission into the Specialized High Schools of New York City, and to stop Mayor

**Bill de Blasio and Chancellor Richard Carranza from assaulting the standardized objective admissions criteria for the Specialized High Schools.**

WHEREAS, there are eight Specialized High Schools in New York City whose admission is governed by a single standardized objective criteria, which is an academic admissions examination called the Specialized High School Admissions Test (the "SHSAT");

WHEREAS, these eight high schools are (alphabetically): Bronx High School of Science, Brooklyn Latin School, Brooklyn Technical School, High School for Math, Science and Engineering at City College, High School of American Studies at Lehman College, Queens High School for the Sciences at York College, Staten Island Technical High School, and Stuyvesant High School (hereinafter collectively "the Specialized High Schools");

WHEREAS, currently there is only one standardized objective criteria for admission into one of the Specialized High Schools, which is achieving a score of a certain level on the SHSAT;

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2018, at 10:00 p.m., Assemblyman Charles Barron in the New York State Assembly (the "Assembly") sponsored a Bill number A 10427 (the "Assembly Bill") the purpose of which was to change the admissions criteria to the Specialized High Schools from the standardized objective SHSAT to subjective criteria;

WHEREAS on June 7, 2018, the Assembly Bill was passed on to the Assembly Education Committee, which voted in favor of the bill that proposes to diversify the Specialized High School populations by introducing subjective criteria and eliminating the use of the standardized objective SHSAT over a period of 3 years;

WHEREAS, replacing the current standardized objective SHSAT criteria with subjective based subjective criteria could lead to inequities in the selection process at the Specialized High Schools;

WHEREAS, this plan to remove the standardized objective criteria from the Specialized High School selection could lead to other issues, such as admitting students into rigorous academic programs for which they are not adequately prepared and may place them in a position where they do not have a realistic chance to succeed;

WHEREAS, replacing the current standardized objective admissions criteria for the Specialized High Schools with subjective criteria may lead to the deterioration of the quality of the student body and the Specialized High Schools as educational institutions in the City of New York;

WHEREAS, because of the significant numbers of students that District 26 sends to the Specialized High Schools, this proposed plan will disproportionately negatively impact the students and families of District 26 who are trying to break their own cycles of poverty and elevate into the middle class through sacrifice, hard work, and determination;

WHEREAS, in order to broaden admissions to the Specialized High Schools, the City of New York should instead focus on improving the quality of education and instruction in all grade schools and middle schools in all five boroughs;

WHEREAS, the mayor has already redesigned the structure of the SHSAT by removing scrambled paragraphs and logical reasoning to better align it to curriculum and instruction students experience in their classrooms on a daily basis;

WHEREAS, Mayor de Blasio already increased the standard testing time from 150 minutes to 180 minutes;

WHEREAS, Mayor de Blasio already redesigned the multiple choice questions to now have 4 answer choices instead of the previous 5 answer choice;

WHEREAS, Mayor de Blasio already updated the test design based on the New York State Learning Standards to make the test better aligned to the work students are doing in the classroom, providing a platform for all children to succeed;

WHEREAS, by these changes are already providing a level playing field for all children in all boroughs of NYC to have an equal chance and opportunity in passing the SHSAT without any outside tutoring;

WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 26 disagrees with Mayor Bill de Blasio and Chancellor Richard Carranza's excuse to provide diversity & equity as a mean to abolish SHSAT admission test;

WHEREAS, rather than a plan that would eradicate the SHSAT in order to enhance diversity, the City of New York should instead offer expanded and free high-quality SHSAT prep courses that are geographically accessible to all middle school students throughout the City of New York;

WHEREAS, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Richard Carranza should review as to why previous plans failed to increase diversity in Specialized High Schools prior to proposing a new plan to eradicate the SHSAT admission test;

WHEREAS, the proposal of removing the standardized objective SHSAT as the criteria for admission to the Specialized High Schools and replacing it with unspecified subjective criteria would undermine the noble aspirations of the American dream, diminish the quality of diversity to which these schools aspire, and negatively impact the students and families of District 26 and others throughout New York City who have achieved, and continue to seek to achieve, admission thorough hard work, sacrifice, and determination;

WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 26 recommends the New York State Legislature create a committee to review the unfair proposal presented by Mayor Bill de Blasio and Chancellor Richard Carranza;

WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 26 recommends that Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Carranza seek to expand seats in Specialized High School to provide accessibility to more children;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AND DECREED: that New York City Community Education Council District 26 calls upon Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to vote against removal of the SHSAT admission test and to stop Mayor Bill de Blasio and Chancellor Richard Carranza's assault on the current standardized objective admissions criteria for the Specialized High Schools.

**Addendum B**



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**Resolution to Approve the FY 19 Budget**

**Approved on July 5, 2018**

WHEREAS, a Draft Budget has been presented to the Council in the attached document "Community District Education Council 26: DRAFT 2018-2019 Budget Subject to Council Review and Approval" (the "DRAFT Budget"), and

WHEREAS, the "DRAFT Budget" has been discussed by the Council Members and found to meet the reasonably anticipated needs of the Council consistent with the funds budgeted to the Council by the Department of Education; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the "Community District Education Council 26: DRAFT 2018—2019 Budget Subject to Council Review and Approval" be approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that future amendments to this Budget be accomplished by a motion of the Council that is voted on and approved by its members.

**Draft 2018-2019 Budget Subject to Council Review and Approval (the "Draft Budget")**

<b>FY 2018-2019 Budget Line Items</b>	<b>Code:</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2018 - 2019 Budget Allocation</b>
General Supplies	100/198	\$200.00
Procurement Card		\$ 13,228.00
Lease of Copier	0433	\$2,172.00
Rental of Water Cooler & Water		Rental:\$30.00 Water:\$370.00
Member Reimbursements & Parent Workshop	0496	\$2000.00
Vendor Payment Workshops	489	\$1000.00
Meeting Expenses (Travel & Food)/Workshops	451	\$1000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$20,000.00</b>

**Addendum C**



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**CDEC26 Meeting Calendar 2018-2019**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Thursday, August 30, 2018	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Thursday, September 27, 2018	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Thursday, October 25, 2018	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Tuesday, November 20, 2018	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Thursday, December 20, 2018	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Thursday, January 31, 2019	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Thursday, February 28, 2019	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Thursday, March 28, 2019	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Thursday, May 30, 2019	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Tuesday, June 25, 2019	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>
Thursday, July 11, 2019	M.S. 74, 61-15 Oceania St. Queens, NY 11364	<i>Business &amp; Public Meeting: 7:00 PM</i>

**PLEASE NOTE THAT LOCATION, MEETING DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**  
**\*\* Tentative Dates**

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**Addendum D**

DBN	School name	Grades	Address	City	School Liaison	2018-2019 Liaison
26Q018	P.S. 18 The Winchester School	K-5	86-35 235 Court	Queens Village	John Gavros and Roy Menendez	
26Q026	P.S. 26 Rufus King School	Pre-K-5	195-02 69th Avenue	Flushing	Dilip Nath	
26Q031	P.S. 31 The Bayside School	Pre-K-5	211-45 46th Road	Bayside	Shajid Ali Muhamad and David Wong	
26Q041	P.S. 41 The Crocheron School	K-5	214-43 35th Avenue	Bayside	Sheng Chao Yu	
26Q046	P.S. 46 The Alley pond School	K-5	64-45 218th Street	Bayside	John Gavros	
26Q067	M.S. 67 Louis Pasteur School	6-8	51-60 Marathon Parkway	Little Neck	Adriana Aviles	
26Q074	M.S. 74 Nathaniel Hawthorne	6-8	61-15 Oceania Street	Bayside	David Wong	
26Q094	P.S. 94 David Porter School	K-5	41-77 Little Neck Parkway	Little Neck	Adriana Aviles	
26Q098	P.S. 98 The Douglaston School	K-5	40-20 235th Street	Douglaston	Adriana Aviles	
26Q115	P.S. 115 The James J. Ambrose School	Pre-K-5	80-51 261 Street	Floral Park	David Wong and Karen Rose Scutt	
26Q133	P.S. 133	Pre-K-5	248-05 86th Avenue	Bellerose	Shajid Ali Muhamad	
26Q158	M.S. 158 Marie Curie	6-8	46-35 Oceania Street	Bayside	Michelle Liu and Shengchao Yu	
26Q159	P.S. 159	Pre-K-5	205-01 33rd Avenue	Bayside	Tanweer Ansari	
26Q162	P.S. 162 John Golden School	K-5	201-02 53rd Avenue	Bayside	Sheng Chao Yu and Alan Ong	
26Q172	M.S. 172 Irwin Altman	6-8	81-14 257th Street	Floral Park	Karen Rose Scutt	
26Q173	P.S. 173 The Fresh Meadow School	Pre-K-5	174-10 67th Avenue	Flushing	Alan Ong	
26Q178	P.S./I.S. 178 The Holliswood School	Pre-K-8	189-10 Radnor Road	Jamaica	Alan Ong and Tanweer Ansari	
26Q186	P.S. 186 The Castlewood School	Pre-K-5	252-12 72nd Avenue	Bellerose	Roy Menendez	
26Q188	P.S. 188 The Kingsbury School	K-5	218-12 Hartland Avenue & 216-15 Peck Avenue	Bayside	John Gavros	
26Q191	P.S. 191 The Mayflower School	Pre-K-5	85-15 258th Street	Floral Park	Roy Menendez	
26Q203	P.S. 203 The Oakland Gardens School	Pre-K-5	53-11 Springfield Blvd.	Bayside	Michelle Liu and Shengchao Yu	
26Q205	P.S. 205 Alexander Graham Bell School	Pre-K-5	75-25 Bell Boulevard	Bayside	Tanweer Ansari	
26Q213	P.S. 213 Carl Ullman School	Pre-K-5	231-02 67th Avenue	Bayside	Shajid Ali Muhamad	
26Q216	M.S. 216 George Ryan	6-8	64-20 175th Street	Flushing	Dilip Nath and Alan Ong	
26Q221	P.S. 221 The North Hills School	Pre-K-5	57-40 Marathon Parkway	Little Neck	Tanweer Ansari	
26Q266	P.S./I.S. 266	Pre-K-8	74-10 Commonwealth Blvd.	Glen Oaks	Karen Rose Scutt	
26Q332	P.S. 376	K	210-07 48th Avenue	Bayside	David Wong	