



Community District Education Council 26

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NOTICE OF BUSINESS & CALENDAR MEETING

Date: **Thursday, June 17, 2010**
Time: **Business Meeting – (Council Members) 7:00 P.M. (SHARP)**
Public Meeting - 8:00 P.M.

Location: **MS 67– 51-60 Marathon Pkwy, Little Neck, NY-Room B44A**

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes dated May 3, 2010
3. President's Report
4. Budget Review
5. School /PTA Visits
6. New Business
7. Old Business – Ban on Baked Goods Resolution
7. Adjournment

CALENDAR/PUBLIC MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Superintendents Report
3. **Guest Speaker – Mr. Kleber Palma**, Director of the Department Of Education's Translation & Interpretation Unit will discuss the resources available to assist schools with their efforts to communicate with limited-English-proficient parents.
4. Adjournment

*Anyone wishing to speak during the Public Meeting session must sign the Speakers Sheet provided by the CDEC.
You will be allowed up to three minutes speaking time.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 *Last day of school – June 28, 2010*

Light refreshments will be served

All meetings are held at wheelchair accessible sites.



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Resolution on Department of Education Ban on Bake Sales

Whereas The Department of Education, in June 2009, enacted a policy to ban all bake sales in City Schools,

And Whereas bake sales are an important fundraising component of many schools, providing significant assistance to many extra curricula programs, that would otherwise not exist,

And Whereas bake sales provide a vital social component, offering individuals an opportunity to share cultural heritage, sample family recipes, and show off individual skills,

And Whereas bake sales offer a variety of educational experiences for students,

And Whereas in the Fall of 2009 D.O.E. modified its policy to allow bake sales, on the condition that they only sell the pre-packaged products that are manufactured by D.O.E.'s contracted vendors, and which are currently available in school vending machines, such as Hydrox, Pop Tarts, Frito-Lay, Doritos, and Snapple, among others, all of which contain high fructose corn syrup and/or other unhealthy industrial food additives,

And Whereas home bakers use healthier ingredients, having little or no access to industrial food additives.

And Whereas under these new rules, there is little or no incentive for customers to buy products that are readily available elsewhere in the school building, every day, and which have no unique, personal appeal,

And Whereas the key to making children and teenagers healthier is to educate them to make healthier choices, not to impose bans,

And Whereas common sense dictates that there is no correlation between occasional bake sales, which have been a regular feature of school support since the early part of the 20th Century, and the threefold increase in childhood obesity in the United States that has occurred since the 1960s when schools began offering less healthy food options in lunch rooms and vending machines,

And Whereas the main reasons cited for the increase in childhood obesity are:

- Less physical activity among youth
- More fast food, commercial foods and additives (such as corn syrup)
- Fewer home-cooked meals and less family time.

And Whereas decreasing and preventing childhood obesity will also lead to a decrease in heart disease, diabetes, strokes, and many other serious health problems.

Therefore Be It Resolved that *Community District Education Council 26* urges the Department of Education to repeal its ban on selling home baked foods at bake sales, and calls upon our elected officials to review this nonsensical D.O.E. policy and seek its repeal,

And Therefore Be It Further Resolved that *Community District Education Council 26* supports efforts to increase school- based opportunities for physical activity among youth, and decrease their consumption of industrially prepared foods and beverages.

DATED: MAY 3, 2010