

# **Resolution - To Authorize the CEC President to Join a Citywide Organization**

**WHEREAS** New York State law divides New York City into 32 community school districts, and establishes a Community Education Council for each one; and

**WHEREAS** the city has also established two Citywide Education Councils, one for high schools and one for special-education schools, to complement the Community Education Councils; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding these districts and councils, state law has given control of education citywide to the mayor through June 30, 2009, with an option for renewal; and

**WHEREAS** many education policies are now set at the city level; and

**WHEREAS** many schools and districts citywide face similar educational challenges and share similar policy concerns; and

**WHEREAS** numerous Education Council presidents and members have expressed the opinion that their influence would be stronger if they worked together on issues of common concern; and

**WHEREAS** a number of Education Council presidents have decided to band together in a citywide Council Presidents' Coordinating Committee; now therefore,

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the District 26 Community District Education Council does authorize, empower, and encourage its president, or a designee, to serve as a member of the Council Presidents' Coordinating Committee.

Dated: January 31, 2008