

January 19th, 2006

A public hearing was conducted on January 19, 2006 in regards to the DoE's proposed change for PS 159 from a K-6 to a K-5 school. CDEC 26 passed the following resolution:

Whereas, Administrators of Region 3 of the New York City Department of Education are proposing to implement a change in the grades attending Intermediate School 25, District 25 ("IS25").

Whereas, this change entails IS25, currently a grade 7 through grade 9, becoming a grade 6 through grade 8 school.

Whereas, many 6th grade students at PS 159, District 26, are currently designated to attend 7th, 8th, and 9th grade at IS25.

Whereas, the proposed change to Intermediate School 25's grades will require those students at PS 159, currently designated to attend Intermediate School 25, to attend IS25 for the 6th grade instead of attending PS 159 for 6th grade.

Whereas, a public hearing was conducted by the Community District Education Council 26 regarding this proposal and, many members of the PS159 community attended and spoke out against the proposal.

Whereas, no member of the PS159 community spoke in favor of the proposal.

Whereas, issues regarding the proposal were discussed at the Public Hearing, including the resolution passed by District 26 Presidents' Council to endorse a proposal allowing P.S.159 students currently zoned for I.S. 25 in District 25 to attend District 26 middle schools.