



Community District Education Council 26

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<i>Council Members:</i>			Danielle Giunta Community Superintendent District 26	
Norman Cohn	Sulinda Hong	Athena Gavros		
Dennis Chan	Dilip Nath			
Jennifer Catherall	Taeho Hwang			

May 12, 2022, Meeting

Calendar Meeting

Meeting called to Order and Roll Call at 7:02 PM by Albert Suhu.

Present: Albert Suhu, Dennis Chan, Cassandra Louie, Norman Cohn, Dilip Nath, Adriana Aviles, Todd Friedman, Sulinda Hong, Taeho Hwang, Jennifer Catherall, and Athena Gavros

Absent:

Also, Present: Danielle Giunta, Superintendent Tara Davidson, Deputy Superintendent District 26, and District 26 Team

- I. Welcome & Call to order
- II. **Superintendent Report: (See addendum A)**
- III. **Proposed Resolution on Mayoral Control of the DOE (See Addendum B)**
 - Public Comment:
 - Motion to approve by Albert Suhu. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Proposed Statement for AAPI Heritage Month (see addendum c).**
 - Motion to approve by Albert Suhu. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Proposed Statement regarding the Summer Rising Program (see addendum d)**
 - Motion to approve by Cassandra Louie. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Proposed Resolution to Extend Mayoral Accountability for the Department of Education(See addendum E)**
 - Public Comment :
 - 1) John Gavros- Please vote against the proposal as families do not get a voice.
 - Motion to approve. The motion did not pass. Vote Yes: Adriana Aviles, Norman Cohn, Albert Suhu, Sulinda Hong, and Dilip Nath, No: Taeho Hwang, Cassandra Louie, Todd Friedman Abstain: Jennifer Catherall & Dennis Chan.
- VII. **Proposed Bylaw Amendment (See addendum F):**
 - Council provided Bylaw Amendment for Public Comments.
- VIII. Albert Suhu shared information about the C-37 process and May 26 Town Hall for District 26 Superintendent. Council voted to hold a Special Meeting to discuss.
- IX. **Public Comment:**
 1. President Council: Holding election for next year online. G&T for Middle School needs to be addressed again. Safety concern was also raised.
 2. Venus Ketcham:
- X. **Dennis motion to re-open Proposed Mayoral Control of the DOE.** Motion Approved. Vote Yes: Adriana Aviles, Norman Cohn, Albert Suhu, Sulinda Hong, Dilip Nath, Dennis Chan, No: Taeho Hwang, Cassandra Louie, Todd Friedman, Abstain: Jennifer Catherall. Voted passed with 6 vote.

Albert Suhu motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 PM. Motion passed.

May 12, 2022

Business Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting: 9:50 PM

Meeting called to Order and Roll Call at 7:00 PM

Present: Albert Suhu, Dennis Chan, Cassandra Louie, Norman Cohn, Dilip Nath, Adriana Aviles, Todd Friedman, Sulinda Hong, Taeho Hwang, Jennifer Catherall, and Athena Gavros

Absent:

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Minutes** are reviewed for April 13, 2022. Motion by Albert Suhu. Motion passed and April 13, 2022 minutes are approved.
- III. **Budget:** (See addendum G) Budget was reviewed, and Dennis Chan motioned to approve the budget. The budget was approved unanimously.
- IV. **President Report:**
 - 1. Raised concern regarding second Foreign Language in District 26. Superintendent will follow up regarding Foreign Language.
 - 2. OML update and change the meeting date to June 8th or June 9th.
 - 3. June Agenda and Awards.
 - 4. CB8 meeting MS 216 extension. Council voted to write a letter in support of the CB8 meeting.
 - 5. Albert Suhu motioned to adjourn Meeting at 10:20 PM. Motion passed.

Addendum A:

Kindergarten Gifted & Talented (G&T) Program Updates
D26 Sites: 115, 133, 188, 203

How to Participate (This varies a bit depending on where (and whether) a child currently attends pre-K.)

For current pre-K students at DOE/district schools, Pre-K Centers, NYC Early Education Centers (NYCEECs), or charter schools:

- Currently, all children born in 2017 attending in these programs will be assessed by their current pre-K teachers. There is nothing families need to do as part of this process. Based on these assessments teachers nominate children for G&T admissions. Then, eligibility letters will be sent to all families of nominated children, inviting them to apply to G&T programs when the application opens.
- Families of nominated (eligible) children can apply to G&T between May 31 and June 13 by submitting a G&T application online with MySchools or through a Family Welcome Center.

For current pre-K students at private or parochial school programs, or for children who are not yet in school:

- Families can apply to G&T between May 31 and June 13 by submitting a G&T application online with MySchools or through a Family Welcome Center.
- After the application closes, DOE's Division of Early Childhood Education will contact applicants to set up interviews.
- In June and early July, interviews will take place. Based on these interviews, early childhood education experts will nominate eligible applicants for G&T admissions.

How Kindergarten G&T Offers Are Made

- After all applications are submitted and eligibility is determined, all **eligible** applicants are considered for offers.
- Offers are determined based on families' application choices, seat availability, and admissions priorities. All G&T programs give an admissions priority to siblings of current students. Some programs also give a priority to applicants who live or attend school in a specific district.
- All applicants will receive a results letter in **July 2022**; these results may include a G&T offer and any information about waitlists.

Should I Accept My Child's Kindergarten Offer if I Hope to Get a G&T Offer Later? Yes, absolutely! Be sure to accept your child's kindergarten offer by May 6 even if you are hoping for a waitlist or G&T offer. Accepting this offer secures your child's seat at that school, and accepting it now will **not** affect your chances of getting a waitlist or G&T offer later.

Grade 3 Gifted & Talented (G&T) Program Updates D26 Site: PS 376Q

Grade 3 G&T programs

- ★ The G&T application will be open from May 31 - June 13, 2022. Offers will be made in July.
- ★ These 32 programs—one in each NYC community school district—serve children from grade 3 to grade 5.
- ★ Children enter these programs in grade 3. Highest-performing grade 2 students (whose grades are in the top 10% at their school) are invited to apply.

Who Can Participate, and How? For current grade 2 students in NYC public schools

- ★ DOE identifies the highest-performing grade 2 students—meaning their core course grades are in the top 10% at their school.
- ★ DOE invites the families of these students to apply to Grade 3 G&T programs.
- ★ Invited families can apply to Grade 3 G&T programs between May 31 and June 13 by submitting a G&T application online with MySchools or through a Family Welcome Center.
- ★ Please note: Grade 2 students invited to participate in Grade 3 G&T admissions can also apply for grade 3 seats at K-to-5 G&T programs.

Grades 1 to 3 Gifted & Talented Program Update

This process is for K-to-5 G&T programs, which serve children from kindergarten through grade 5.

How to Apply:

- Interested families with children entering grades 1, 2, or 3 can apply between May 31 and June 13 to enter G&T programs in fall 2022 by submitting a G&T application online with MySchools or through a Family Welcome Center.
- Eligibility will be determined after families apply—more information on eligibility for children in these grades will be available soon.

How Grades 1 to 3 G&T Offers Are Made:

- Offers for eligible applicants will be determined based on families' application choices, programs' seat availability, and admissions priorities. All G&T programs give priority to siblings of current students. Some programs also give priority to children who live or attend school in a specific district.
- All applicants will receive a results letter in **July 2022**. This letter may include a G&T offer and any information about waitlists.

Diversity in Educational Leadership Update - Community "I Am" Project

I Am Project
Call to the Community

"You don't choose the time you live in, but you do choose who you want to be."
Gloria Steinem

We welcome all members of District 26 - students, staff, families, and community members - to share their response to one or more of the following prompts in a short video:

- Who are you?
- Where are you from?
- How do you want to be known?
- What means most to you?
- What you aspire to achieve?

Ending your video ultimately saying: "I am (one word)"

Please ensure your video is:

- Landscape in filming
- Well-lit and well-heard
- 20 seconds or less
- Submitted using [this form](#) by Monday, May 23, 2022.

Compiled videos will be shared with the community in June 2022 with a guide to deepen conversations with each other towards our shared goals and commitments.

Summer Rising

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started on April 25, 2022 online at schools.nyc.gov/SummerRising. The Summer Rising program will start on Tuesday, July 5th and end on Friday, August 6 to 8) and Friday August 19th (Grades K to 5). The program will begin each AM and conclude at 6:00 PM Monday to Friday. A daily lunch will be provided daily. Students will be engaged in academics and enrichment programming over the course of the program, including field trips, arts activities, and outdoor recreation. The program will be full-day, in-person, and planned and supervised collaboratively by school staff and CBO Staff. To complete enrollment, they will also need to complete DYCD Summer Rising Enrollment Form by the end of June. CBO staff will reach out to families in June. The link to the form will be placed in the chat. If you have signed up for Summer Rising but your plans have since changed, and you no longer wish to participate in the program, please let us know via the [Summer Rising Enrollment Form](#). Any questions or concerns can be addressed via email to summer@schools.nyc.gov.



2022 Parent and Family Workshops

Thank you, CEC 26, for supporting family engagement and parent empowerment in District 26! We designed our robust 2021-22 workshop calendar in response to your inspiring suggestions.

January and February

Parent Yoga (6 sessions)

March

Understanding DESSA

Bullying and Incident Reporting

April

Spring Break Mindful Mornings:

SEL Parent/Child Crafts (3 sessions)

Book Discussion Session 1:

Parenting in the Screen Age

May

Raising Culturally Aware and Socially Conscious Children

Book Discussion Session 2:

Parenting in the Screen Age

D26 Guest Speaker: Dr. Delaney Ruston

Award winning filmmaker, author, and mental health advocate

Other Updates

- ★ National Principals' Day took place on May 1st and last week we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week
- ★ The Spring SEL screener administration window began on May 3 and closes on June 9.
- ★ Academic Screeners (Acadience, iReady) from May 9- June 3
- ★ Save for College Program - participating kindergarten families can now activate and view their child's NYC Scholarship Accounts.

NEW: Mayor Adams & Chancellor Banks Announce Lifting of COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Proms

- ★ Students may attend their prom and similar one-time end-of-year dances, regardless of vaccination status.
- ★ For events held on DOE property, all chaperones are still required to show proof of vaccination, if not a DOE employee.
- ★ In addition, each attendee must complete the daily health screening questionnaire.
- ★ Students and chaperones are strongly encouraged to wear a high-quality mask as an extra layer of protection, as well as take an at-home COVID-19 test before the event and five days after the event
- ★ Note that if schools are holding the prom or end-of-year dance in an outside venue, attendees must adhere to any additional COVID-19 health and safety requirements the venue may impose.
- ★ Message for Families Posted & Parent Letter Distributed by May 12, 2022

Addendum B:



Approved Resolution
to Implement Perform



Proposed Statement
Addendum C: on AAPI Heritage Mor



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Addendum D: Rising 2022.docx



Resolution to Extend
Addendum E: Mayoral Accountabilit



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Addendum F: Bylaws Template - 051

Addendum G:

Remains the same as previous month:

Expense: \$11,521.62

Balance in budget: \$4,012.95

(Please remind members about submitting reimbursement)

Non Contractual Services(Copier) Object Code 433	\$1,548.00				\$1,548.00		\$1,548.00	\$
Member Reimbursement Object Code 496	\$6,777.28	\$325.00	\$500.00	\$170.58	\$750.00	\$1,275.00	\$3,020.58	\$3.75
P.Card/Office Supplies	\$0.00						\$0.00	\$
Supplies General (Workshops) Object Code 198	\$5,052.00					\$5,038.09	\$5,038.09	\$1
Food for Meeting & Transportation of Staff	\$0.00						\$0.00	\$
Website	\$405.72		\$205.72				\$205.72	\$20
Vendor Payment for Workshops	\$6,000.00			\$750.00		\$5,220.00	\$5,970.00	\$3
Supplies Water	\$370.00				\$367.90		\$367.90	\$
Equipment	\$4,718.00				\$4,717.00		\$4,717.00	\$
Water rental	\$129.00					\$119.76	\$119.76	\$
Total	\$25,000.00							
Total Spent	\$20,987.05						\$20,987.05	
Balance in Budget	\$4,012.95							

Details of all purchases:

Pending	Reimbursement	Month
Jennifer Catherall	\$125	January
Jennifer Catherall	\$125	February
Jennifer Catherall	\$125	March
Jennifer Catherall	\$125	April
Jennifer Catherall	\$125	May
Jennifer Catherall	\$125	June
Cassandra Louie	\$125	January
Cassandra Louie	\$125	February
Cassandra Louie	\$125	March
Cassandra Louie	\$125	April
Cassandra Louie	\$125	May
Cassandra Louie	\$125	June
Sulinda Hong	\$75	May
Taeho Hwang	\$75	May

