



# Community District Education Council 26

## New York City Department of Education

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<b>TBD</b> President of the Council	<b>TBD</b> First Vice- President	<b>TBD</b> Second Vice President	<b>TBD</b> Recording Secretary	<b>TBD</b> Treasurer
<i>Council Members:</i> Dennis Chan Joanna Edwards Sherry Gonzalez Sulinda Hong Sae jung Lee	Da Lin Cassandra Louie Gilberto Mejia Albert Suhu Hsuante Tsai	<i>Student Members:</i> TBD TBD	<i>District 26 Community Superintendent:</i> Danielle Giunta	

Date: **Thursday, July 13, 2022**

Time: **7:00 PM, Hybrid Meeting- Annual Election, Calendar Meeting & Business Meeting to follow**

Location: **M.S. 74Q – 61-15 Oceania Street, Bayside, NY 11364**

Zoom Meeting Link: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMscOqprT8pHNc0qNHTKZ2an5Ye5GkYxUnO](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJMscOqprT8pHNc0qNHTKZ2an5Ye5GkYxUnO)

## Annual Election 7:00 PM

*Public/Community members are not allowed to participate in the election but are welcome to attend.*

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Chairperson Pro Tem
- 4. Election of Officers**  
Nominations for One Year Term, July 2023 – June 2024, for the following offices will be presented:
  - President • 1st Vice President • 2nd Vice President
  - Recording Secretary • Treasurer
5. Adjournment of Annual Meeting

## Calendar Meeting

1. Call to order & roll call
- 2. Superintendent Report**
3. Proposed Letter of Support for MS216 Open Streets application
4. Proposed Resolution on Improving the Use of Random Numbers for Admissions Placement
5. Public Comments
6. Adjournment

## Business Meeting

1. Call to order & roll call
2. Meeting Dates for 2023-2024
3. Budget Review
4. 2023-2024 School Liaison
5. Committees
6. President's Report
7. Committee Reports
8. Old Business
- 9. New Business**

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**July 13, 2023**

### **Annual Meeting**

**Present:** Al Suhu, Joanna Edwards, Sae Jung Lee, Da Lin, Cassandra Louie, Gilberto Mejia, Louis Tsai

**Absent:** Sherry Gonzalez, Dennis Chan

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta and District 26 Team Hybrid: Sulinda Hong

The meeting was called to order by Albert Suhu at 7:00 PM on August 9, 2023.

#### **I. Annual Election 2023-2024 Executive Board Members**

II. **Chair pro tem:** Cassandra Louie nominated herself as the Chair pro tem. The motion was seconded by Albert Suhu and passed unanimously. Cassandra Louie is the pro tem for the Annual Election for CEC executive board member.

III. **President:** Albert Suhu nominated himself for the position of President. No additional member motioned for the position of President. Al Suhu provided a statement.  
Cassandra Louie motioned to vote for the position of President for 2023-24.  
The vote was 7-0 in favor of Albert Suhu. He was appointed as the 2023-2024 President of CEC26.

IV. **1st Vice-President:** Albert Suhu nominated Cassandra Louie as the 1st Vice-President. Cassandra Louie accepted the nomination. There was no additional nomination for the position of 1st Vice-President. Cassandra Louie provided a statement.  
Albert Suhu motioned for a vote for the position of 1st Vice-President.  
The vote was 7-0 in favor of Cassandra Louie. She was appointed as the 2023-2024 1st Vice-President of CEC26.

V. **2nd Vice-President:** Sae Jung Lee nominated herself for the position of 2nd Vice-President. There were no additional nomination for the position of 2nd Vice-President. Sae Jung Lee provided a statement. Albert Suhu motioned for a vote for the position of 2nd Vice-President.  
The vote was 7-0 in favor of Sae Jung Lee. She was appointed as the 2023-2024 2nd Vice-President of CEC26.

VI. **Recording Secretary:** Albert Suhu confirmed that Dennis Chan would like to run for the position of recording secretary. Albert Suhu motioned for a vote for the position of recording secretary. The vote was 7-0 in favor of Dennis Chan. He was appointed as the 2023-2024 Recording Secretary of CEC26.

VII. **Treasurer:** Louis/Hsuante Tsai nominated himself for the treasure. There were no additional nomination for the position Treasure. Louis/Hsunte Tsai provided a statement. Albert Suhu motioned for a vote for the position of Treasurer. The vote was 7-0 in favor of Louis/Hsuante Tsai. He was appointed as the 2023-2024 Treasurer of CEC26.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Albert Suhu at 7:40 PM and Annual Election was concluded.

**July 13, 2023**

**Calendar Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Al Suhu at 7:45 PM

**Present:** Al Suhu, Joanna Edwards, Sae Jung Lee, Da Lin, Cassandra Louie, Gilberto Mejia, Huante Tsai

**Absent:** Sherry Gonzalez, Dennis Chan, Sulinda Hong

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

- I. Meeting call to order
- II. Welcome
- III. **Superintendent Report:**
- IV. Senator John Liu welcomed the newly elected CEC26
- V. **Proposed Letter for Application for the Open Streets Program at Middle School 216 (see addendum B)**
  - Public Comment:
  - Albert Suhu motioned to approve the Letter for Application for the Open Streets Program at Middle School 216. The motion was seconded by Cassandra Louie. Motioned passed unanimously.
- VI. **Proposed Resolution on Improving the Use of Random Numbers for Admissions Placement (see addendum A)**
  - Public Comment:  
Albert Suhu motioned to Resolution on Improving the Use of Random Numbers for Admissions Placement. The motion was seconded by Cassandra Louie. Motioned passed unanimously.
- VII. **Public Comment:**
  - **Venus Ketchum** – Ms. Ketchum raised regarding minority children and requesting for further data in providing them guidance.

Al motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. No objection. Motion passed.

**Business Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Al Suhu at 9:25 PM

**Present:** Al Suhu, Joanna Edwards, Sae Jung Lee, Da Lin, Cassandra Louie, Gilberto Mejia, Huante Tsai

**Absent:** Sherry Gonzalez, Dennis Chan, Sulinda Hong

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

- I. **Minutes:**
- II. **Meeting Dates for 2023-2024- August meeting:** Albert Suhu's motion to approve the meeting dates for 2023-2024. Motioned passed unanimously. ( see addendum C)
- III. **Budget:** (See addendum D)- Proposed Budget Allocation for 2023-2024. Albert Suhu motioned to approved initial funding of the council. Motioned passed unanimously.
- IV. **Committee:**
- V. School Liaison- will be discussed at August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- VI. **President Report:** Al requested members to submit suggestion for upcoming speakers.
- VII. **New Business:**

Al Suhu motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM and motioned passed unanimously.



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### Resolution on Improving the Use of Random Numbers for Admissions Placement

**WHEREAS**, random numbers are assigned to an applicant when the application process is initiated for admissions to 3-K, pre-K, kindergarten, middle schools, or high schools<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the random numbers are long strings of hexadecimal numerals that are used to determine the priority in receiving offers where the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats at a given program<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, an ascending order of the random numbers (0, 1, 2 ... 9, A, B, C, D, E, F) is used to determine placement priority, such that smaller numbers, e.g. - those that start with a zero, are most favorable versus large numbers, e.g. - those that start with the letter F, are least favorable; and

**WHEREAS**, an applicant can list up to 12 programs on an application, and the same randomly assigned number is repeatedly used in the algorithm to determine placement priority; and

**WHEREAS**, an applicant saddled with an unfavorable randomly assigned number is very unlikely to receive offers from any program that uses a random assignment method, because the unfavorable number is propagated to each of the applicant's choices in determining placement; and

**WHEREAS**, placement on waitlists using the same ascending order of random numbers in determining priority replicates the acute inequity in the placement process for applicants who draw an unfavorable randomly assigned number; and

**WHEREAS**, reversing the priority order used in the process for placement on waitlists, e.g. – using the same randomly assigned number but prioritized in descending order (F, E, D, C, B, A, 9 ... 2, 1, 0), can partially counteract the inequity of being assigned an unfavorable and immutable number; and

**WHEREAS**, the algorithm to reverse the priority order of placements on waitlists should be relatively simple to implement. For example, calculating and using the “two’s complement” of the hexadecimal randomly assigned number effectively provides a quick and easy method to administer a descending order of priority without significant refactoring of code; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Education Council 26 (CEC 26) urges the Chancellor to direct the Office of Student Enrollment to alter the use of randomly assigned numbers such that a descending order of priority is used for placements on waitlists, while retaining the use of an ascending order of priority for the initial placement process.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/enrollment/2023-nyc-public-schools-admissions-guide>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/how-students-get-offers-to-doe-public-schools/random-numbers-in-admissions>

***During the CEC26 meeting held on July 13, 2023, the resolution was reviewed and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.***



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July 13, 2023

Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia  
New York City Department of Transportation

RE: Application for the Open Streets Program at Middle School 216

Dear Commissioner Garcia,

Middle School 216, located at 64-20 175th St, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365, is scheduled for new construction to begin on a three-story addition in its schoolyard starting in October 2023. The entire schoolyard will be closed for three years until the addition is ready for the planned opening in September 2026. As a result of the closure, over 1,400 students will not be able to participate in recess. To mitigate the closure of the schoolyard, the school administration is applying to the Open Streets program. During school hours, we fully support the closure of the adjacent street, 174th Street between 64th and 65th Avenue, and request the Department of Transportation to expedite the review of the application.

Sincerely,  
Community Education Council District 26

CC:  
Queens Borough President Donovan Richards  
Council Member James Gennaro, District 24  
Chairperson Martha Taylor, Community Board 8

*During the CEC26 meeting held on July 13, 2023, the proposed letter was reviewed and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.*

Addendum C:



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# CDEC26 Meeting Calendar 2023-2024

DATES	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, August 10, 2023	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	M.S. 74Q 61-15 Oceania Street, Bayside, NY 11364
Wednesday, September 13, 2023	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, October 12, 2023	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Wednesday, November 8, 2023	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, December 14, 2023	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, January 11, 2024	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, February 8, 2024	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Wednesday, March 13, 2024	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, April 11, 2024	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, May 30, 2023	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, June 13, 2024	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD
Thursday, July 13, 2023	Public & Business Meeting: 7:00 PM	TBD


\*Tentative date and time.

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Location to be determined.

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Addendum D



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**July 13, 2023**

**Community Education Council District 26 Proposed Budget 2022-2023**

WHEREAS, a draft proposed 2023-2024 budget has been presented to the Community Education Council District 26 (CEC26); and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2023-2024 has been discussed by the CEC26 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 CEC26 council members reviewed and approved and; be it further

RESOLVED, future amendments to this budget are accomplished by a motion of the council that is voted on and approved by its members.

RESOLVED, The members of CDEC26 voted at this meeting consisted of:

<p><b>Council Members:</b> Joanna Edwards Sae Jung Lee Da Lin Cassandra Louie</p>	<p>Gilberto Mejia Albert Suho Hsuante Tsai</p>
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**CEC26 Members approved unanimously the budget on July 13, 2023 during the CEC26 Calendar Meeting.**

**2023-2024 CEC26 Budget**

Budget Line Items	Budget Allocation
Contractual Services(Copier) Object Code 453	\$1,548.00
Member Reimbursement Object Code 426	\$5,389.00
Meeting Expense (code 451)	\$2,000.00
Technology Upgrade	\$3,000.00
Supplies General (Workshops) Object Code 199	\$4,600.00
Waste	\$350.00
Vendor Payment for Workshops	\$300.00
Supplies Water	\$100.00
Water rental	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Balance in Budget</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>