



# Community District Education Council 26

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### Resolution to Permit School Districts to Establish Admissions Criteria for Screened Middle School Programs

**WHEREAS**, on Dec 16, 2021, Community Education Council District 26 (CEC 26) passed, the “Resolution to Reinstate Academic Screening for District 26 Middle School Programs”;

**WHEREAS**, a Mar 9, 2022, DOE press release states, “All future enrollment and admissions processes will be decided in lockstep with communities to develop policies that best meet the needs of New York City students.”; and further

**WHEREAS**, the press release also states, “Acknowledge that there is no one-size-fits-all solution and benefit all types of learners while expanding high-quality and rigorous programs.”<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, every school district in New York City is unquestionably unique, characterized by different levels of performance, demographics, and features in school facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, before the pandemic-caused suspension of middle school screens for the school year 2021-22, the selection criteria for District 26 middle school screened programs varied across schools, consisting of either a random selection method or a ranked composite score method (4<sup>th</sup> grade New York State exam scores - 45%, 4<sup>th</sup>-grade report card 45%, Academic and Personal Behaviors - 5%, and Attendance - 5%)<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, it follows that district superintendents, in considering the input of school leadership and the parent community through engagement with the CEC, are best positioned to determine the optimal screening criteria for each screened program in a given district.; and

**WHEREAS**, numerical report card grades will be issued in the school year 2021-22 and since New York State ELA and math assessments were given in Spring 2022; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, CEC 26 urges the Chancellor to refrain from establishing uniform, citywide admissions criteria for screened middle school programs and instead to permit district superintendents to determine the appropriate admissions criteria for each screened program, if any, within his or her district.

*Community Education Council District 26 approved this resolution at April 13, 2022, monthly meeting by unanimous vote. Members Present: Norman Cohn, Dilip Nath, Todd Friedman, Adriana Aviles, Albert Suhu, Dennis Chan, Sulinda Hong, Taeho Hwang, Jennifer Catherall, and Cassandra Louie.*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/news/announcements/contentdetails/2022/03/09/chancellor-banks-announces-updates-on-the-future-of-enrollment-and-admissions-in-nyc-schools>

<sup>2</sup> <https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Education/2019-DOE-Middle-School-Directory/uqxv-h2se>