



Community District Education Council 26

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Resolution on Improving the Composition of Community District Education Councils

WHEREAS, passage of New York State Senate Bill S9459 on Jun 30, 2022 increased the composition of Community District Education Councils (CEC) to consist of twelve voting members and two non-voting membersⁱ; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications of the non-voting members are very restrictive in that they be high school seniors residing in the district and “shall be appointed by the superintendent from among the elected student leadership”ⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, only 14% of student members have been appointed (as of December 2025) due to a lack of eligible applicants (see appendix 1); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, recognizing the critical need for equitable representation, mandated the inclusion of a voting D75 (District 75) parent representative on each CECⁱⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, an odd number of voting members (eleven), as it was prior to the addition of the D75 member in 2023, prevents deadlocks on motions, meaning the motion fails and can lead to indecisiveness, delays, and a lack of clear direction; and

WHEREAS, the subsequent increase in the CEC structure to consist of twelve (12) voting members, which requires a minimum quorum of seven (7) members to transact business and creates the potential for a 6-6 voting deadlock, thereby creating a paralyzing obstacle to the passage of necessary resolutions and administrative actions, including those of direct interest to D75 families; and

WHEREAS, increasing the total number of members to an odd number, such as 13, by adding an additional elected parent is problematic for several CECs, as they have historically had very few candidates apply for seats, e.g. – only 12, 13, or 14 candidates applied for the 10 seats in several Bronx and Brooklyn CECs^{iv}; and

WHEREAS, the two non-elected political appointees may not necessarily represent the interests of the district’s parent community compared to the ten elected parent members, because appointees are not required to be parents; and

WHEREAS, eliminating one of the two BP appointee seats restores functional governance while comparatively elevating parent-elected voices; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Education Council (CEC) 26 urges the New York State legislature to amend Education (EDN) CHAPTER 16, TITLE 2, ARTICLE 52-A, SECTION 2590-C Composition of community district education councils as follows:

1. Widen the pool of eligible high school seniors applying to serve as non-voting CEC members to include high school seniors serving in any school leadership position such as serving in the student union, or representing the school community as a member of a competitive team or activity (athletics, orchestra, math, robotics, foreign language, etc.); and
2. Restore the CEC structure to an odd-numbered voting structure (eleven members in total) that existed prior to 2022 by eliminating one of the two borough president’s appointees.

During the CEC 26 meeting held on December 11, 2025, the resolution was reviewed and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

Appendix 1 – Seated Students Members on CECs

CEC District	# of Student Members
1	1
2	2
3	1
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	1
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	
26	2
27	
28	
29	
30	
31	2
32	
Total	9

ⁱ <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/S9459>

ⁱⁱ *ibid.*

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^{iv} <https://apps.schools.nyc/cecprofiles>