



Community District Education Council 26

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Approved Resolution to Rescind the Decision to Eliminate Gifted & Talented (G&T) Program and to Expand the G&T program.

WHEREAS, under New York Education Law 4452, "gifted pupils" shall mean those pupils who show evidence of high-performance capability and exceptional potential in areas such as general intellectual ability, special academic aptitude, and outstanding ability in visual and performing arts. Such definition shall include those pupils who require educational programs or services beyond those normally provided ¹; and

WHEREAS, before the recent elimination of the G&T program, the New York City Department of Education website stated that "the goal of the New York City Department of Education's G&T program is to deliver accelerated, rigorous, and specialized instruction" for G&T students; and

WHEREAS, District 26 already has multiple successful G&T programs in elementary schools and middle schools; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2021, the Mayor and Chancellor announced an immediate phasing out of the G&T program but failed to engage or make any efforts to facilitate feedback from the community as promised; and

WHEREAS, Districts 2, 20, and 30 have also passed similar resolutions calling for public engagement on G & T; and

WHEREAS, on Oct 12, 2021, District 26 held a Special Meeting regarding the Mayor's sudden announcement to phase out the G&T program, with 190 participants expressing concerns of his new plan; and

WHEREAS, the absence of communication with our community and its parents demonstrates the lack of transparency in the Mayor and Chancellor's planning and decision-making process; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Education Council District 26 (CEC26) demands the Chancellor and Mayor to immediately rescind the decision to eliminate the G&T program and to fully reinstate it for the 2022-2023 school year.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, CEC 26 advises the Mayor and the Chancellor to work on expanding on the current G & T program.

This Resolution was approved at November 9, 2021 Calendar Meeting by a unanimous vote by CEC26 members.

CEC 26 Members Present: Alan Ong, Dilip Nath, Jennifer Catherall, Adriana Aviles, Todd Friedman, Taeho Hwang, Norman Cohn, Dennis Chan, Cassandra Louie, Sulinda Hong, and Albert Suhu.

¹ <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/lawssrch.cgi?NVLWO>