



## Community District Education Council 26 New York City Department of Education

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Dear Borough President Richards,

The council wants to express our gratitude for your re-appointing of Ribhi Alam to CEC 26. We understand you are still vetting candidates for the second appointee. We recently forwarded the Borough President appointee application to a former member of CEC 26, Kaamashri Mangar, who filled a vacancy last term and served several months from April 2025 – June 2025. Her time with the council left the rest of us with a very favorable impression. She was a very reliable and active member of the council, attending all meetings and actively participated by providing excellent input on various issues. She was very conscientious in learning and performing her duties as a new council member.

As you are probably aware, the southeastern part of District 26 has a very high concentration of Indian Americans as well having a growing community of Caribbean Americans, in the neighborhoods of Glen Oaks, Bellerose, Queens Village, and Floral Park. Unfortunately, because of cultural differences, many immigrant parents there do not exercise their rights to voice concerns about public education. CEC 26 does not and has not in many years had a member to serve as a proactive liaison to families in these neighborhoods. Ms. Mangar is very active in a nonprofit organization that assists immigrants with these ethnic backgrounds. We believe her ongoing volunteer experience with these ethnic groups will help bridge gaps and build stronger connections within our district. She would be an ideal Queens Borough President appointee to serve as a culturally responsive representative for these underrepresented families in District 26.

We respectfully urge you to consider appointing Ms. Mangar as one of the Queens Borough President's appointees to CEC 26 for the remainder of the term that ends June 30, 2027.

Sincerely,  
Community Education Council District 26