



Community District Education Council 26

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Resolution Urging the Department of Education to Prepare Concrete Plans to Implement the Class Size Reduction Law Approved May 16, 2024

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature passed Bill S9460/A10498 “Class Size Reduction” on June 1, 2022, and Governor Kathy Hochul signed the bill into law on September 8, 2022ⁱ amending §3 Subparagraph (ii)(A) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 211-d of the New York State Education Law by adding: “The class size reduction plan shall prioritize schools serving populations with higher poverty levels”; and

WHEREAS, data provided to the Class Size Working Group by the DOE on September 8, 2023 shows that there are least twice as many schools in Districts 9 and 10 serving populations with higher poverty levels than the average of all other districts (See Appendix A-1); and

WHEREAS, the DOE’s initial Class Size Reduction Plan annual report was submitted to the New York State Education Commissioner on November 15, 2023, but has not taken measurable steps to implement class size reduction other than to compile classroom data and reportsⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education’s (DOE) Class Size Reduction Plan, signed September 29, 2023, ranks District 26 last out of thirty-two districts by level of compliance with the mandated class size capsⁱⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, the DOE and the School Construction Authority (SCA) proposed five-year capital plan for FY 2025-2029, dated February 2024, does not list any new capacity projects for District 26^{iv}; and

WHEREAS, the Class Size Working Group released its final report of recommendations on December 11, 2023^v; and

WHEREAS, majority members of the Class Size Working Group, including the Co-chair of the working group and Chief of Staff for Senator Robert Jackson, the Director of Class Size Matters, the Co-Executive Director of the Alliance for Quality Education, and others issued a press statement on December 11, 2023 urging the Chancellor to “implement their recommendations without delay”^{vi}; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Education Council 26 demands the Department of Education to:

- Allocate sufficient funding in the capital plan to construct enough seats in District 26 to comply with the class size caps over the long term, e.g. – grades K-3 within 10 years; and
- Increase seat capacity in overcrowded District 26 high schools, e.g. – Francis Lewis, Cardozo, and Bayside; and
- Begin implementation of the Class Size Reduction Law in Districts 9 and 10, using all available policy levers and to include execution of the recommendations of the Class Size Working Group to the fullest extent to achieve 100% compliance in grades K-3 in all schools within the two districts no later than September 2025. (See Appendix A-2)

ⁱ <https://gothamist.com/news/gov-kathy-hochul-signs-nyc-class-size-cap-with-one-year-delay>

ⁱⁱ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-KteQw2qzn8u0_cIROs3WrXIPaaDRDpg/view

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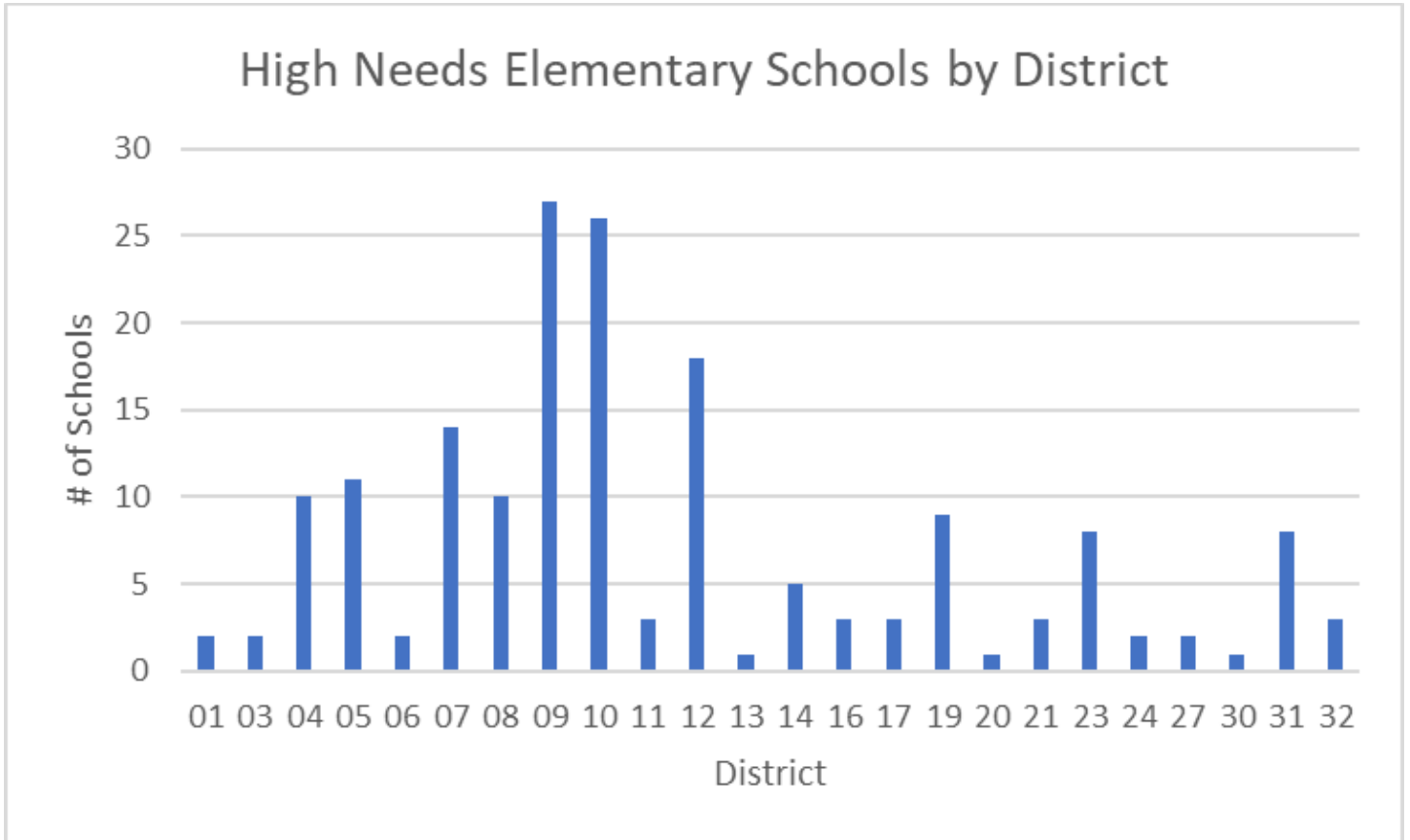
^{iv} <http://nycsca.org/Community/Capital-Plan-Reports-Data#Capital-Plan-67>

^v https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gSiFUcuLOjJ49PLCMptkroFjXBHow2b_/view

^{vi} <https://classsizematters.org/class-size-working-group-members-urge-nyc-to-implement-their-recommendations-without-delay/>

During the CEC26 meeting held on May 16, 2024, the resolution was reviewed and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

Appendix A-1



Appendix A-2: Elementary schools in Districts 9 and 10

DBN	School Name
09X011	P.S. 011 Highbridge
09X028	P.S. 028 Mount Hope
09X035	P.S. 035 Franz Siegel
09X042	P.S. 042 Claremont
09X053	P.S. 053 Basheer Quisim
09X055	P.S. 055 Benjamin Franklin
09X058	P.S. 058
09X063	P.S. 063 Author's Academy
09X070	P.S. 070 Max Schoenfeld
09X073	P.S. 073 Bronx
09X088	P.S. X088 - S. Silverstein Little Sparrow School
09X109	P.S. 109 Sedgwick
09X110	P.S. 110 Theodore Schoenfeld
09X114	P.S. X114 - Luis Llorens Torres Schools
09X126	P.S. 126 Dr Marjorie H Dunbar
09X132	P.S. 132 Garret A. Morgan
09X163	P.S. 163 Arthur A. Schomburg
09X170	P.S. 170
09X199	P.S. 199X - The Shakespeare School
09X204	P.S. 204 Morris Heights
09X236	P.S. 236 Langston Hughes
09X274	The New American Academy at Roberto Clemente State
09X294	The Walton Avenue School
09X311	Lucero Elementary School
09X443	The Family School
09X449	Grant Avenue Elementary School
09X457	Sheridan Academy for Young Leaders
09X555	Mount Eden Children's Academy
10X007	Milton Fein School
10X008	P.S. 008 Isaac Varian
10X009	P.S. 9 Ryer Avenue Elementary School
10X015	P.S. X015 Institute for Environmental Learning
10X023	P.S. 023 The New Children's School
10X024	P.S. 024 Spuyten Duyvil
10X032	P.S. 032 Belmont
10X033	P.S. 033 Timothy Dwight
10X037	P.S. X037 - Multiple Intelligence School
10X046	P.S. 046 Edgar Allan Poe
10X051	The Bronx STEM and Arts Academy
10X056	P.S. 056 Norwood Heights
10X059	P.S. 059 The Community School of Technology

10X077	Bedford Park Elementary School
10X081	P.S. 081 Robert J. Christen
10X085	P.S. 085 Great Expectations
10X086	P.S. 086 Kingsbridge Heights
10X091	P.S. 091 Bronx
10X094	P.S. 094 Kings College School
10X159	P.S. 159 Luis Munoz Marin Biling
10X205	P.S. 205 Fiorello LaGuardia
10X207	P.S. 207
10X209	P.S. 209
10X226	P.S. 226
10X246	P.S. 246 Poe Center
10X291	P.S. 291
10X306	P.S. 306
10X307	Luisa Pineiro Fuentes School of Science and Discov
10X310	P.S. 310 Marble Hill
10X315	P.S. 315 Lab School
10X340	P.S. 340
10X344	Ampark Neighborhood
10X360	P.S. 360
10X382	Elementary School for Math, Science, and Technolog
10X386	School for Environmental Citizenship
10X396	P.S. 396