



# Community District Education Council 26

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### Resolution on Amending Chancellor’s Regulation D-200

**WHEREAS**, the New York State legislature agreed to a budget deal in March 2019 that included policy changes such as extending mayoral control and adding a single member to the Panel of Education (PEP) to be elected by the thirty-two Community District Education Council (CEC) presidents<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Chancellor’s Regulation D-200 “Composition and Selection of Members of The New York City Board of Education, dated December 19, 2019, set forth procedures for CEC presidents to elect one representative to the PEP; and

**WHEREAS**, the procedures required the CEC presidents in each borough to select two CEC presidents to serve on a nominating committee, a total of ten committee members, to review a potentially large number of PEP candidate applications and to select finalists for election by the thirty-two CEC presidents; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spring of 2020 the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) determined there were dozens of eligible applicants for the PEP from which the nominating committee selected as finalists for election; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hochul on Jun 30, 2022 signed Senate Bill S9459 “Relates to governance of community school districts in the city of New York,” containing a provision to expand the number of elected members serving on the PEP to include a member representing each borough to be elected by the CEC presidents in each borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Chancellor’s Regulation D-200 was amended on December 1, 2022 to reflect the election of five members serving on the PEP, yet retained the ten member nominating committee to select the finalists in each borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the pool of candidates to be considered in each borough is significantly reduced, approximately one-fifth of the previous total, obviating the need for a nominating committee to screen and reduce the number of finalists; and

**WHEREAS**, eight of the ten members of the nominating committee represent other boroughs and have unwarranted influence in the selection of candidates to be considered in a given borough; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Education Council 26 urges the PEP to amend Chancellor’s Regulation D-200 as follows:

- Eliminate the nominating committee
- Forward eligible applications in each borough directly to the CEC presidents within each borough for evaluation
- Establish a process to poll CEC presidents within each borough for two top choices and retain the five candidates receiving the most votes
- Offer the CEC presidents in each borough the option to interview candidates (requires majority vote to proceed)

*During the CEC26 meeting held on June 13, 2024, the resolution was reviewed and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.chalkbeat.org/newyork/2019/3/31/21107770/a-1-billion-boost-mayoral-control-and-tweaks-to-parent-councils-what-to-know-about-new-york-s-budget/>