



Community District Education Council 26

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Resolution on Relaxing Quorum Requirements for Community & Citywide Education Councils (CCEC)

WHEREAS, according to Family and Community Engagement (FACE) the number of applicants to CCEC elections dropped from 1,785 in 2021 to 1,099 in 2023, following the lapse in permission to hold 100% virtual meetings; and

WHEREAS, FACE received numerous CCEC resignations in the spring of 2023, when members were informed that CCEC meetings could no longer be held virtually and therefore require attendance in-person; and

WHEREAS, FACE revealed that during the vetting process for newly elected members in 2023, many did not take office when informed CCEC meetings are no longer held 100% virtually and require in-person attendance; and

WHEREAS, FACE provided data on current vacancies in CCECs as of March 2024, showing that 86 of the 430 CCEC seats are vacant (20%); and

WHEREAS, CCEC vacancies representing vulnerable student populations are disproportionately high:

- D75 - 16
- ELL - 14
- IEP - 9; and

WHEREAS, vacancies in Citywide councils are pronounced:

- CCD75 - 3
- CCELL - 4
- CCHS - 3; and

WHEREAS, vacancies in underserved districts are significant and very troubling, such as in Districts 7-12, all in the Bronx, which average 4 vacancies per council; and

WHEREAS, current NYS Education Law that results in limited representation in CECs in underserved neighborhoods with high proportions of underserved student populations could be construed as racist and/or exclusionary; and

WHEREAS, Education Law was amended in 2022 requiring 2 student members in each CEC; and

WHEREAS, 63 of the 68 CCEC student member seats are vacant (93%); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Education Council 26 urges the state legislature to consider:

- Amending Education Law to relax in-person quorum requirements such that quorum can be satisfied by including members participating virtually along with those members who participate in-person; and
- Reexamine the number of required student members.

During the CEC26 meeting held on April 11, 2024, the resolution was reviewed and unanimously approved by all members in attendance



