



Community District Education Council 26

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Resolution Requesting Increases to Community and Citywide Education Council Budgets September 13, 2023

WHEREAS, the budgets of Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCEC) have remained unchanged at \$25,000 since November 2019; and

WHEREAS, inflation rates have been abnormally high since 2020 because of COVID-19 induced disruptions to supply chains, energy price volatility due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and wage pressures in labor marketsⁱ; and

WHEREAS, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the New York-Newark-Jersey City area, published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, was 279.468 in Nov 2019 and has risen to 322.496 in Jul 2023, a 15% increaseⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, 15% growth for inflation, applied to the \$25,000 CCEC budget dating to Nov 2019, would increase CCEC budgets in FY 2023 dollars to \$28,750; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul signed Senate Bill S9459 on Jun 30, 2022, amending NYS education law to expand the composition of community district education councils from 11 members to 12 by adding a member to represent District 75 (D75) schoolsⁱⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, a D75 parent likely requires a reimbursent of childcare expenses to attend CCEC meetings, currently with an annual reimbursent limit of \$1,500.

WHEREAS, a budget adjusted for inflation, along with an additional \$1,500 allowance for the new D75 parent increases the FY 19 CEC budget of \$25,000 to a total budget amount of \$30, 250 in FY 2023 dollars; and

WHEREAS, travel expenses for members of citywide councils (Citywide Council for District 75, Citywide Council on Special Education, Citywide Council on English Language Learners, Citywide Council on High Schools) very likely exceeds the travel expenses of Community Education Council (CEC) members; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Education Council 26 (CEC 26) urges the Chancellor to immediately increase CEC budgets to a \$30,000 annual allocation and citywide council budgets to \$35,000.

During the CEC26 meeting held on September 13, 2023 , the resolution was reviewed and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

ⁱ <https://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2023/beyond-bls/what-caused-inflation-to-spike-after-2020.htm>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.bls.gov/regions/new-york-new-jersey/data/xg-tables/ro2xgcpiny.htm>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2022/7/1/23191277/hochul-signs-nyc-mayoral-control-bill-into-law-with-a-tweak>.