



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 19

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Calendar Meeting Minutes February 14, 2026

Calendar Meeting Start Time: **6:08 pm**

Ms. French opens meeting.

Roll Call: Joyce French, Kimberly Washington, Kimberly Ford, Evelyn Pugh, Kristen Garcia, Emily Walker, Shandale Franklin and Amber Lewis. **Late:** Simone Phillips-Webster and Rebecca Reyes. **Absent:** Tion Prescott

Approval of meeting minutes: Ms. French - Motion to approve meeting minutes of January 14, 2026. Meeting minutes were approved with no changes. Motion by Ms. French, approved by Kimberly Washington, Kimberly Ford, Evelyn Pugh, Kristen Garcia, Emily Walker, Shandale Franklin and Amber Lewis.

Presentations:

✓ **Transportation Alternatives – Youth Activist Committee**

(Presenters: August Hoyt, Bard HS Student and Kaede Nardi, LaGuardia HS Student)

Why Expand Student OMNY? Current Student OMNY Policy

- Eligible NYC students receive 4 free rides per day with free transfers.
- Coverage includes subways, local buses, Staten Island Railway, and the Roosevelt Island Tram.
- Eligibility is limited: Students within 0.5 miles of school, students on yellow bus service, or students with DOE alternative transportation are not eligible.

Key Issues:

- Limited eligibility: Excludes many students who still rely on public transportation for after-school activities, jobs, or family responsibilities.
- Ride cap: Students are limited to 28 rides per week, less than what's available through the MTA's "fare-capping" system for general riders.
- Affordability: Families cannot always afford additional rides, creating barriers for students balancing multiple commitments.
- Independence & opportunity: Public transit is key to helping teens gain independence and access opportunities across the city.
- Outdated policy: Chancellor's Regulation A-801 (last updated in 2000) does not reflect today's transportation realities.
- Misuse flags: Student OMNY cards are sometimes flagged for deactivation by the MTA using vague guidelines, with little transparency or due process.
- Durability & distribution: Current paper OMNY cards are easily damaged; replacement requests can take schools up to 2 weeks.

Why This Matters:

- Equity: All students should have equal access to free and reliable public transportation, regardless of where they live or what DOE services they receive.
- Safety: Students left without transit access may feel forced to jump turnstiles, putting them at risk of arrest or immigration consequences.

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- Student success: Unlimited access to OMNY means students can fully participate in school, extracurriculars, jobs, and family care.
- Modernization: Updating policies ensure transit access reflects the needs of students today.

Email us for any questions or concerns: youth@transalt.org or <https://act.transalt.org/a/expand-student-omny>

✓ The Next Mile Project – Presenters: Jimmy Guity and Terrell Belfield

Mission: The Next Mile Project is committed to cultivating civic leaders from historically excluded communities through immersive policy education, field-based fellowships, and long-term advocacy infrastructure.

NMP identifies, trains, and supports the next generation of policy-shapers and community organizers—rooted in their neighborhoods, equipped with real tools, and empowered to lead local, state, and federal policy ecosystems.

Grass Roots Community Programs:

1. Civics Foundation Grades 6-8 (Middle School: 8-10 weeks)
2. Civics Action Lab Grades 9-12 (High School: 10-12 weeks)
3. Advocacy Fellows – Post Secondary School Program (Ages: 18-30 / 6-9 months)

Community Superintendent Report: Dr. Tamra Collins, Community Superintendent reported on the following:

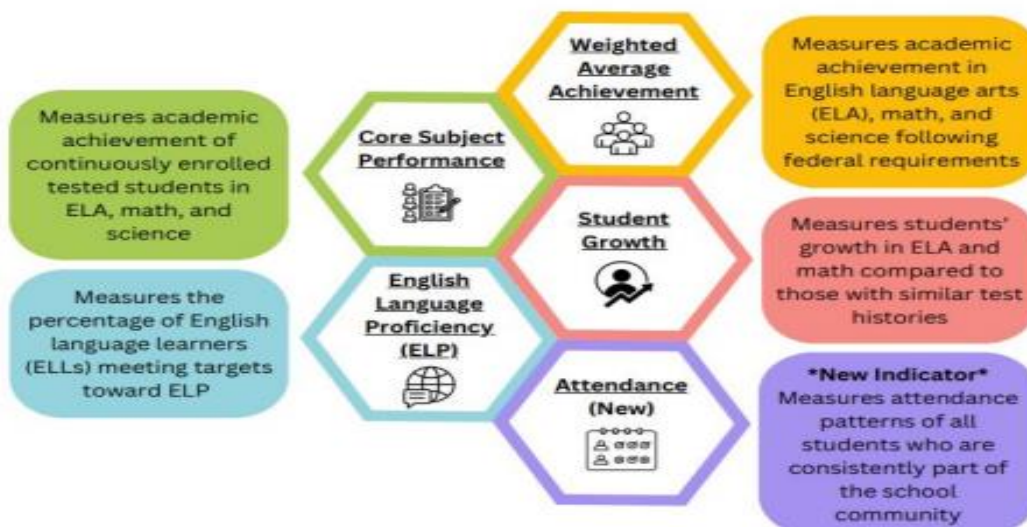
District 19 Highlights and Updates:

Brooklyn North Spelling Bee: East New York School of Excellence (19K677) - Jacob King (4th Grade) is heading to the City Spelling Bee.

School Accountability Status - Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Reimagine Phase

First statuses expected in approximately January 2026
Based on data from 2024-25 including 2025 state exams

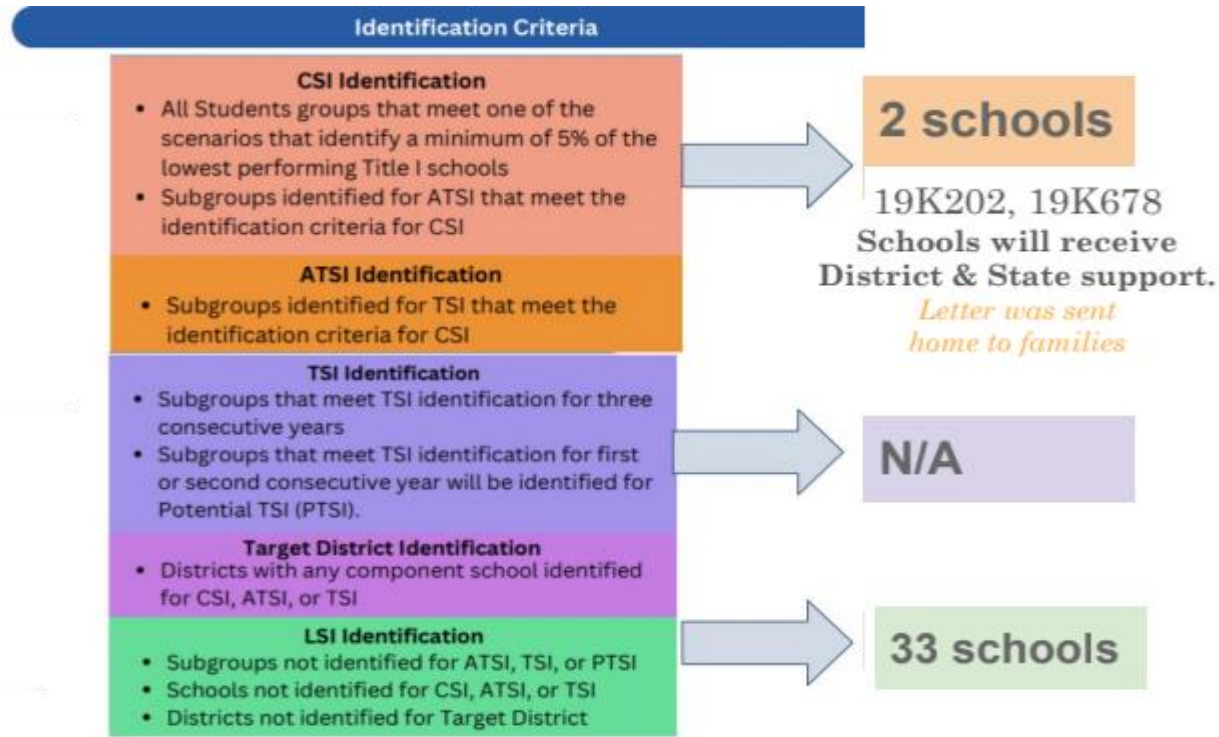


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19K213 moved from CSI (Continuous School of Improvement) to LSI (Local School of Improvement).

19K677 moved from TSI (Targeted School of Improvement) to LSI (Local School of Improvement).

Summer Rising 2026: Summer Rising is a partnership between New York City Public Schools and the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). Summer Rising is free and available to all NYC students in grades K-8, pending seat availability.

Location	Affiliated Sites
PS 7	7, 108, 290
PS 13	13, 190, 213, 328, 557
PS 65	65, 938 and Brooklyn North ESY Program
PS 89	89, 935
MS 907 (K190 Building)	907, 663
IS 171/ Highland Park	171, 661, 662, 760
PS 159	158, 159, 214
IS 218	218, 345, 677, 678
IS 292	292, 149
PS 306	202, 273, 306, 325,
PS346/FDAVII	346, 452
Van Siclen (MS 654)	654



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Attendance (2/10)	90.1% (36.8% Chronic Absenteeism) Citywide 89.9% (31.9% Chronic Absenteeism(as of 2/06))
Special Ed Compliance (2/10)	District 19 - 90.1%
	Citywide - 87.3%
STARS Compliance - (Scheduling of the mandates as of 2/3)	District 19 - 92%
	Citywide - 89%
MLL Scheduling Compliance (1/23)	97.5%
District Enrollment (2/11)	12,208 Students (9.0% students increase since SY 24-25)

Public Comments:

- Ms. Nelson (Teacher/Parent at MS 678)
- Amber Lewis (CEC 19 Council Member)
- Arthur Samuels (MESA Charter School)
- Shaquise Ellis (MESA Charter, Principal)
- Collin King (DOE Vendors Founder)
- Evelyn Pugh (CEC 19 Council Member)

Motion to adjourn calendar meeting Ms. French second by Ms. Franklin and Ms. Washington at 7:33pm



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Business Meeting Minutes February 11, 2026

Business Meeting Start Time: 7:47pm

Ms. French opens meeting.

Roll Call: Joyce French, Kimberly Washington, Kimberly Ford, Kristen Garcia, Emily Walker, Shandale Franklin, Simone Phillips-Webster, Rebecca Reyes and Amber Lewis. **Late:** Evelyn Pugh **Absent:** Tion Prescott

CEC President's Report: Ms. Joyce French reported on the following:

- Discussion/Reference to CEC Guide
- PS 13 and IS 218 incidents reported on the news
- Health Fair (May 16th) updates
- Pre-Mother's Day Bingo event updates (raffles and prizes)
- Resolution(s) discussion (OMNY -Student cards and Foundation Aid) will be voted on the next calendar meeting March 11th.
- PS 938 – Missing child (Ms. Franklin)

Treasurers' Report: Ms. Pugh on February's 2026 Treasurer's Report:

Current Expenditures:

\$3,000 - Website 8/2025 (PO)

\$1,320 - Copy Machine Lease 8/2025 (PO)

\$8,650 - CEC Members' Reimbursements (July-January) (SIPPs)

\$206.90 - Enzo Pizza 9/10 (SIPP)

\$247.73 - Panera Bread 10/8 (SIPP)

\$207.45 - Enzo Pizza 11/12 (SIPP)

\$214.88 - Food Bazaar (Water & Soda)11/2025 (P-Card)

\$325.00 - Adrian & Rocky's Catering (Heros/Salads) 12/10 (PO)

\$207.45 - Enzo Pizza 1/14 (SIPP)

\$462.37 - 4imprint Grey T-Shirts (PO)

\$247.73 - Panera Bread 2/11 (SIPP)

Expenditures Amount: \$15,089.51 - As of 2/11/2026: Current Balance: \$9,910.49

Motion to adjourn business meeting Ms. French second by Ms. Washington at 8:45 pm.