



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 19

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Calendar Meeting Minutes August 12, 2026

Calendar Meeting Start Time: 6:05pm

Ms. French opens meeting.

Roll Call: Joyce French, Kimberly Washington, Emily Walker, Evelyn Pugh, Kristin Garcia, Kimberly Ford, Shandale Franklin, Simone Phillips-Webster (late), and Shakima Sealy (late). **Excused Absent:** Tion Prescott, Amber Lewis

Approval of meeting minutes: Ms. French – Motion to approve meeting minutes of July 8, 2026, including corrections on page 2 regarding vote of Shakima Sealy (removed as she had not yet taken oath of office after election to CEC). Motion by Ms. French, approved by Kimberly Washington, Emily Walker, Evelyn Pugh, Kristin Garcia, Kimberly Ford, Shandale Franklin, Simone Phillips-Webster, and Shakima Sealy.

Approval of resolution on hybrid meeting policy: Ms. French – Motion to approve draft resolution on authorizing the adoption of written procedures following a public hearing for the use of video conferencing for the conduct of public meetings. Ms. French noted that the CEC hopes to have hybrid meetings by October of 2026. Motion by Ms. French, approved by Kimberly Washington, Emily Walker, Evelyn Pugh, Kristin Garcia, Kimberly Ford, Shandale Franklin, Simone Phillips-Webster, and Shakima Sealy.

District Planning Presentation: Tori Fenton (Director of Brooklyn North and Staten Island Planning Team), Chris Gurley (Associate Director of Planning), and Brian Smith (Associate Director of Analytics) from NYC DOE Office of District Planning provided a data consultation to the CEC on the following:

- **Overview of office role:** ODP partners with school communities, CECs, superintendents, other DOE offices, and additional stakeholders to assess district needs and priorities and develop strategic plans to address them.
- **Overview of public process for significant school changes:** As governed by Chancellor's Regulation A-190, the ODP manages process for significant school changes including school grade level changes; co-locations of new or existing schools; school re-sitings or relocations; school mergers.
- **Overview of District 19 data summary:** ODP provided an update on district enrollment trends for District 19 over the last five years, highlighting that over the data period covered, total enrollment in District 19 has decreased by 6%. Enrollment in grades K-5 has decreased by 9% and in grades 6-8 by 19%. In the last year, total enrollment in District 19 decreased by 1%, enrollment in K-5 decreased by 1% and enrollment grades 6-8 decreased by 4% showing that enrollment has likely stabilized.

ODP also provided an overview on District 19 5th – 6th grade articulation and other special populations, showing that there were fewer fifth grade students in the 2024-2025 school year compared to five years prior, but remaining fifth graders chose District 19 middle schools at the same rate as five years prior. At the elementary and middle school level, District 19's percentage of students with disabilities (K-5: 23%; 6-8: 22%; 9-12: 23%), who are English language learners (K-5: 19%; 6-8: 16%; 9-12: 16%), and students who live in temporary housing (K-5: 13%; 6-8: 15%; 9-12: 14%) nearly reflect the percentages at the borough and city levels. At both elementary and middle school-level, District 19's percentage of students considered economically disadvantaged is above the borough and city percentages (K-5: 90%; 6-8: 89%). ODP shared that District 19 also has a deficit of 126

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seats for students who qualify for District 75 at the elementary level, and a deficit of 61 seats for students who qualify for District 75 at the middle school level.

- **Overview of District 19 class size compliance rate:** ODP shared that District 19 is currently at a class size compliance rate of 65% (citywide compliance rate is 64%).

Question for ODP: Are they requesting more space for District 75 in District 19 schools? ODP shared that they are not looking to make big shifts but are looking at where there is space. Approval will be needed from the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP), and District 75 would need to fund and staff. ODP noted that if the CEC knows where programs are needed, we can let them know.

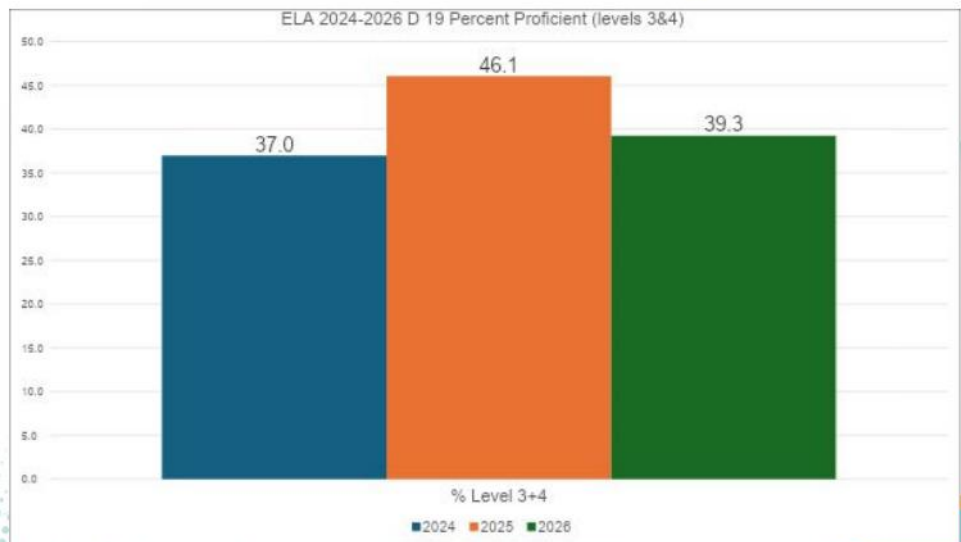
Community Superintendent Report: Dr. Tamra Collins reported on the following:

- New York State testing data: There was a dip in ELA scores, and an increase in math. District 19 will be responding by focusing on students' point of view, critical thinking in R2 and R3, and making connections in R9.



New York State ELA Assessment Data

ELA Decline : - 6.8%



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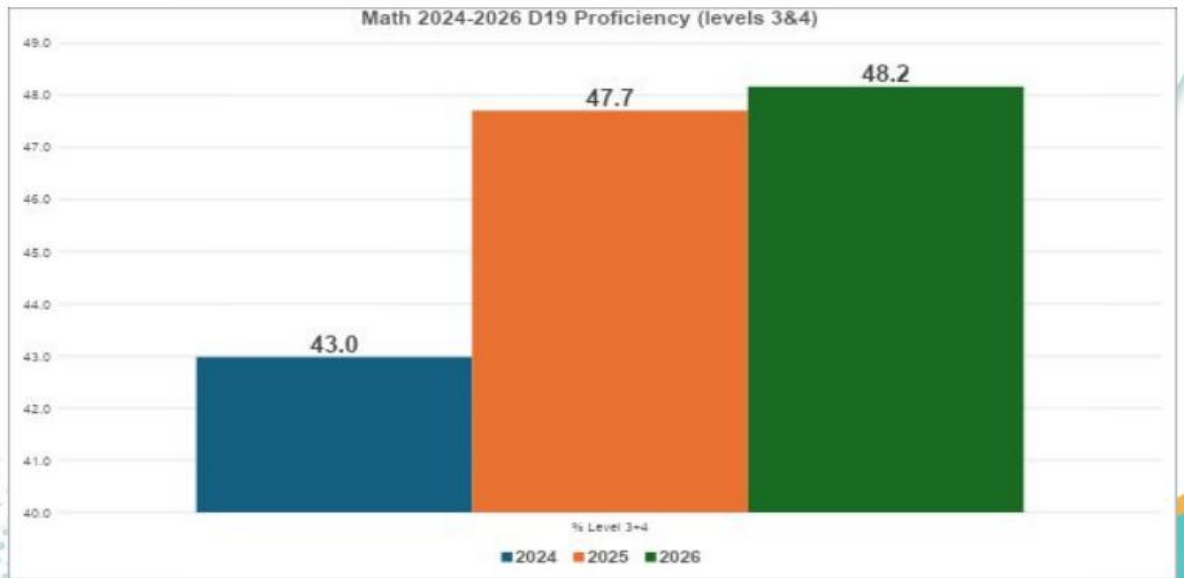
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New York State Math Assessment Data

Math Growth + .5%



- Summer Rising updates: August 11th will be the 8th grade promotion.
- District 19 is hosting a Back-to-School event on September 12 at P.S. 202.
- Teachers will return to school on September 8 prior to the first day of instruction.

Questions for Dr. Collins:

- Updates on District 19 libraries? P.S. 218, 108, and 325 are creating book nooks. Can we help mobilize events around reading and literacy across the district via partners? For instance, finding space in parks, gardens, etc., and utilizing parent leaders. Shared example of P.S. 346 holding an International Reading Day event.
- Goals to get better numbers of 2027 state testing? District will be looking to boost students by taking more ownership over their work, with an additional focus on foundational grades, and focusing on comprehension starting in Kindergarten (vs. 2nd grade).

Public Comments:

1. Daron Linson, 75th Precinct Council President

Motion to adjourn calendar meeting by Ms. Franklin, second by Ms. Sealy at 7:00pm

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Business Meeting Minutes August 12, 2026

Business Meeting Start Time: 7:07pm

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Roll Call: Joyce French, Kimberly Washington, Emily Walker, Evelyn Pugh, Kristin Garcia, Kimberly Ford, Shandale Franklin, Simone Phillips-Webster, and Shakima Sealy. **Excused Absent:** Tion Prescott, Amber Lewis

CEC By-Laws Review: Ms. French introduced new section of by-laws regarding hybrid meeting policies (Article IV, section 1.3). Motion to accept the By-Laws by Ms. French, approved by Kimberly Washington, Emily Walker, Evelyn Pugh, Kristin Garcia, Kimberly Ford, Shandale Franklin, Simone Phillips-Webster, and Shakima Sealy.

School Liaison Review and Changes for 2026-2027: Ms. French shared the revised CEC school liaison list, noting that Ms. French will be taking on P.S. 65 and P.S. 224 from Ms. Garcia, and Ms. Garcia will be taking on P.S. 346 and M.S. 452.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Pugh reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 CEC budget. Motion by Ms. French to accept the proposed budget via an updated roll-call vote, approved by Kimberly Washington, Emily Walker, Evelyn Pugh, Kristin Garcia, Kimberly Ford, Shandale Franklin, Simone Phillips-Webster, and Shakima Sealy.

Question regarding website costs and OWL technology to support hybrid meetings – CEC members reviewed the 2026-2027 proposal for services from EduTech.

President's Report/New Business:

- CEC members provided with Title I funds breakdown for District 19, funding for parent engagement (for CEC member information only).
- Council Member Sandy Nurse hosting a Back-to-School event in Lower Highland Park on August 29, partnering with District 19 CEC.
- District 19 Town Hall with Chancellor Samuels – current options provided by NYCDOE are February 4, 2027 or February 9, 2027. Ms. French has asked to have it moved to the spring when weather is warmer, waiting to hear back on date options for April or May as an alternative.
- Mayor Mamdani announced new members of the citywide Panel on Educational Policy – CEC representatives were elected as follows:
 - o Manhattan (D1-6): Nareed Hasan
 - o Bronx (D7-12): Leticia Thompson
 - o Brooklyn (D13-23 +32): Faraji Hannah-Jones
 - o Queens (D24-30): Adriana Alcea
 - o Staten Island (D31): Kimberly Carbonara

Old Business: Follow-up on suggestion from July 8 business meeting to rotate CEC meetings to schools throughout district – we will only implement if OWL isn't up and running successfully (current estimate is October 2026).

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Ms. French noted prior experience with rotating meetings wasn't successful in driving increased turnout. Ms. Franklin and Mr. Prescott to handle routing questions to Recording Secretary Ms. Walker during hybrid meetings.

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