

RESOLUTION TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT MEMBERS ON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCILS

WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 19, hereinafter referred to as ‘CEC19’, recognizes that student perspective is essential to the effective governance of New York City Public Schools (NYCPS); and

WHEREAS, current **Chancellor’s Regulation D-140¹** restricts the eligibility for the two student member seats on Community Education Councils to high school seniors only; and

WHEREAS, because students do not officially reach "senior" status until they have 30 high school credits – most often following their junior year, and subsequently applying when school returns in September or later – the application, High School Superintendent/CEC review, and appointment process often prevents student seats from being filled until late autumn at the earliest; and

WHEREAS, these systemic barriers frequently result in seats being filled for only a few months or remaining entirely vacant, as the limited tenure offers diminished value for many seniors compared to the time-intensive nature of the role; and

WHEREAS, a review of all **members of the (32) Community Education Councils²** NYCPS as of April 9, 2026, reveals a systemic failure in student recruitment under the current regulations, including:

- only 9 of 64 (14%) total student seats across the city are currently filled
- 26 of 32 (81%) of CECs have neither student seat filled
- 0 of 24 (0%) student seats are currently filled in the borough of Brooklyn
- Staten Island, with only one CEC, is one (1) of only three (3) CECs with both seats currently filled
- the Bronx (8%) and Queens (14%) face severe vacancy rates; and

WHEREAS, proposed expanding eligibility to high school juniors; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor expressed explicit support for exploring this reform, noting that serving as a junior would allow students to utilize this leadership experience on college applications while providing the Councils with greater continuity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CEC19 formally requests that the Chancellor of NYC Public Schools propose an amendment to Chancellor’s Regulation D-140 to the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) to expand student member eligibility to include both high school juniors and seniors; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CEC19 urges the Panel for Educational Policy to prioritize the review and ratification of such an amendment to ensure reform is in place for the 2026-2027 recruitment cycle; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CEC19 calls on the Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE) to launch a comprehensive educational campaign to inform students and families of these leadership opportunities and to proactively promote student participation in CEC governance; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that CEC19 recommends these reforms be enacted by the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year to ensure that Councils across the city, and particularly in Brooklyn, can start the next term with full, diverse student representation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chancellor of New York City Public Schools, the Panel for Educational Policy, and the New York State Education Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the above resolution was unanimously voted and passed on May 13, 2026, by the following Community Education Council of District 19 members: Joyce French, Kimberly Washington, Kimberly Ford, Tion Prescott, Krissy Garcia, Emily Walker, Shandale Franklin and Amber Lewis.

¹ Chancellor's Regulation D-140 (updated 12/22/2022) - Process for the nomination and selection of members of the Community Education Councils, including filling vacancies

² NYCPS website (Community Education Councils) - NYCPS Community Education Councils