



# **CEC15 Meeting**

## **August 23, 2022**

Superintendent and D15 Team Update

Superintendent, Rafael T. Alvarez

Deputy Superintendent, Nicole Lanzillotto

Deirdre Keyes-Callibotte, Executive Director

# Met with U.S. Secretary of Education & Congresswoman Nydia M. Velazquez

Thank you President Casaretti and Co-President Randall for attending and sharing your concerns and ideas to improve our school system for all students!



# D15 Team Members

Rafael T. Alvarez, Superintendent  
Nicole Lanzillotto, Deputy Superintendent  
Deirdre Keyes-Caillibotte, Executive Director - SSO

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Chandra Connor, Instructional Specialist  
Michael Rosenblith, Admin of Special Education  
Anthony Pizzillo, Director for MLLs  
Tzongjin Lee, Instructional Specialist  
Jessie Startup DeNat, Instructional Specialist  
Natale Mannino, ELL Compliance & Performance Specialist  
Nikki Calliste , Student Services Manager  
David Olesh, Academic Policy / Assessment Lead  
Anthony Washington, Data Manager


Valeria Ossa, Supervising Social Worker  
Kim Lawrence, Executive Assistant  
Vicki Madden, Instructional Specialist  
John McLaughlin, Director of Continuous Improvement  
Ursula Koffer, Teacher Development & Evaluation Coach  
Margaret Desir-Hart, Field Support Liaison  
Brenda Diaz, Family Support Coordinator  
Christine Farrell, Family Leadership Coordinator  
Gina Brown, Diversity Coordinator

# District 15 Team - Creating Systems of Support

- Year long scope and sequence for principals and assistant principals with targeted breakout groups and professional learning to support school specific needs
- Working with The Minor Collective to support leadership learning
- Creating a principal resource guide to support principals (one stop shop)
- Established district points for school leaders to get immediate attention to questions
- Creating action plans for supporting school and principals
- Developing DCEP draft goals and analyzing school data to better meet school needs
- Developing one-pager data snapshot for each school
- District Wide-School and Family Facing Calendars



# District Wide Updates

- Congratulations to Interim Acting Principal of PS295 - Valerie Vanderpuije
  - New School Opening 15K958 - Building Ready August 29th
  - Health Clinic Update
  - COVID Updates
  - District Office - Parent Resource & Workshop Center
  - Ventilation Meeting and Checklist
  - School Budgets & Appeals
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# Health Clinic Update from Office of School Health (OSH)

- SUNY Downstate closed five sites in District 15; PS146, MS/HS 497, MS 51, and PS 38
  - In the meantime, school nurses will be placed in all of the buildings affected starting in September.
  - All 5 campuses that had SUNY SBHCs will have full time nurses supported by OSH physicians this school year.
  - Simultaneously, we are actively seeking a new sponsor for the SBHC spaces that SUNY occupied and have engaged providers in the early stages of this process to gauge interest and viability.
  - Once a new sponsor is identified, the State oversees the process from there; we anticipate early 2023 to have sponsors in place.
  - We will keep you apprised of any developments or news.
- The Office of School Health includes more than 70 board certified pediatricians.
  - These physicians visit their assigned schools depending on the clinical need sometimes one or twice a month to care for students in-person in partnership with the school nurse.
  - School physicians manage and uncover health issues that can negatively impact safety, attendance, and academic success.
  - For example, our school physicians focus on helping students manage chronic medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes.
  - When they are not on-site in schools, our school physicians have office hours when they are calling the students' primary care doctors to inform them of health updates or concerns that happen during the school day that need their attention.
  - They talk with parents and coordinate with other agencies across the city to connect students to the resources they need.
  - When students have incomplete or no medical history on file, school physicians are required to serve as their primary care doctor of record. They conduct more than 20,000 medical sessions annually.
  - The physician assigned to the 5 buildings for the fall is Dr. Remedios Caparas.

# COVID HEALTH POLICIES & PROCEDURES

**Vaccination Requirements:** Vaccination is still required for visitors entering school buildings, DOE employees, individuals who work in DOE building and for high-risk PSAL sports and extracurricular activities. **Visitors must show proof of at least 1 dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to enter a DOE building.**


**Daily Screener:** No longer required to enter school buildings.

**Isolate if COVID-19 Positive:** Students and staff testing positive must isolate for 5 days and wear a mask until day 10 after symptoms onset or positive test, whichever is earlier.

**Masking:** Face coverings are strongly recommended when indoors, but not required.

**Ventilation:** 160K+ air purifiers distributed to schools -at least 2 per class

**Rapid Testing:** Schools are distributing free, take-home COVID-19 test kits to any students or staff who exhibit COVID-like symptoms or have been in a class where a positive case has been identified.



# District Office - Parent Resource, Meeting and Workshop Space

131 Livingston Street

**Room 301** - Conference Area for meetings and workshops, workstations for families with computers, laptops and printers, comfortable seating for more collaboration, resources and books, etc.

**Room 304** - Office Space for Parent Leadership & Support Coordinator in addition to a conference area for adults and a space for children to work, read, play etc.





# Ventilation & Facilities Update

- Meeting held w/ Director of Facilities
- Plan of Action
- School Level Support



# Schools Budgets & Appeals

- Update from Budget Director
- Supporting Principals
- Grant Monies for Professional Learning



**PILLAR 1**

Reimagining the student experience

**PILLAR 2**

Scaling Sustaining and Restoring What Works

**Chancellor's  
Priorities  
2022-2023**

**PILLAR 3**

Prioritizing Wellness

**PILLAR 4**

Engaging Families to be our partners

# Chancellor's Big Goals

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All students will learn to read well.

All students will be physically and emotionally safe.

All students will have a high-quality academic experience.

All students will graduate with a strong plan and pathway to economic security.

Families will be able to easily access the information and support they need. from NYC schools and will be empowered to help their children succeed.

The NYC school system will reflect the diversity of the city it serves.



## MEET WITH THE D15 TEAM

District 15 Monthly Townhalls

### Message from Superintendent Alvarez

Please join me and members of the District 15 Team to learn about District Happenings and Updates, to Build Community and to Share your Questions, Ideas and Concerns. The August and September meetings will be held virtually via Zoom and the remaining meetings will be held in our school buildings across the district.

Locations will be shared at a later date.



### Join us!

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

August 17, 2022 (Virtual)

September 21, 2022 (Virtual)

October 19, 2022

November 16, 2022

December 21, 2022

January 18, 2023

February 15, 2023

March 15, 2023

April 19, 2023

May 17, 2023

June 21, 2023

*Third Wednesday of the Month*

Information on how to sign up and meeting locations will be shared with school leaders, parent coordinators, the CEC, as well as on our district website and social media platforms.

[Click here for Zoom link to register for Aug 17th](#)



