



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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The Community and Citywide Education Councils (CCECs) are composed of parents who have been elected or appointed to serve as stakeholders of NYC School Community Districts, and specific cohorts of students, representing NYC public school students and their families.

Approved on January 18, 2022, the following resolution offers CEC 15's position regarding reimbursable travel expenses:

Resolution to Support Amendments to the CCEC Member Reimbursement List

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Law 2590-c. 1.(c)¹ states that:

Members shall not be paid a salary or stipend, but shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the community council.

WHEREAS, reasonable related reimbursement allowances are necessary for public officers serving without compensation to be supported in the work that they do on the Council, allowing for more time to dedicate to their role, and empower council members to own the work and the responsibility of the job they have been elected to do;

WHEREAS, financial limits for each council member are capped at a monthly and annual total and can not exceed that dollar amount;

WHEREAS, CCEC Member Reimbursements do not allow for travel expenditures beyond NYC limits;

WHEREAS, CCEC members have traveled to Albany and other destinations outside NYC for education related issues and conferences at their own expense;

WHEREAS, building relationships with State elected officials is important in elevating the unique needs of students in New York City and this often necessitates meetings in Albany;

WHEREAS, many opportunities exist outside New York City for enhancing the work of Council members, such as conferences, forums, and meetings;

¹ <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/EDN/2590-C>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Education should include education related out-of-town travel expenditures as eligible CCEC member reimbursements.

This Resolution was approved unanimously at a CEC15 Business Meeting held on January 18, 2022 by a vote of members present including: Camille Casaretti, Antonia Ferraro, Tia Schellstede, Nancy Randall, Nana-Poku Agyekum, Joseph Alexander, Ivan Banda and Alfred De Ingeniis.