



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Business Meeting

President's Updates - Antonia Ferraro Martinelli

- *Happy New Year*
- ***Thank you to the Legislative Breakfast Team*** - We had an excellent turn out - more than 80 people attended. The 2024 legislative breakfast was a success in spite of many unforeseen issues. Leslie and Roxanne - You really came through as both Elton and I were ill. Nancy Cruz, Hans Arrieta and Jonathan Davis took on various tasks. Nancy Randall had the Chobani donated. I understand there was some disruption at the beginning due to protests in support of a Ceasefire in Gaza. I am so grateful to the staff of Borough Hall and the Breakfast Team for keeping the event moving. I am grateful to all the electeds who attended and the parents who spoke to support their school communities. And last but certainly not least, I am grateful to our AA Chenise, without whom I could never host such an event.
- ***Hearing on PS 321 Split-siting-*** On Jan 4, I attended the remote public hearing for the Split-siting of PS 321. I spoke in support of the split-siting, which moves grades K and 1 to a new building leased from the Catholic Church by SCA at President St. This building is known as K347. Principal Philips, various teachers, PTA, SLT parents spoke. Many spoke about poor conditions in the TCUs which house 13 classrooms. They have passed their usable life span, have heating, cooling, and water infiltration issues - issues that came to a head and worsened during Storm Ophelia. The school is over capacity with 1240 students. The new site in this scenario would leave 800 students in grades 2-5 at PS 321 and 450 at President St. The new site helps to make it possible to meet the new class size mandates, enable students to receive mandated services in appropriate settings, and opens the possibility of Pre-K. While there is no outdoor space at K347, the school would be looking to close the street and the current playground and Prospect Park is a short walk away. There was clear consensus amongst those on the call that the school should split-site. Anyone who wishes to weigh-in can call or email comments. The PEP meets to vote on the proposal in February.

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These proposals must be voted on and approved by the PEP prior to implementation. In addition to the Joint Public Hearing, you may also share comments about these proposals by leaving a voicemail at 212-374-0208 or emailing D15Proposals@schools.nyc.gov. All comments received at least 24 hours in advance of the PEP meeting at which these proposals are subject to a vote will be included in the Public Comment Analysis, which will be made available on the NYCDOE



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*website after 6 p.m. on the day before the PEP vote. The PEP is expected to vote on these proposals on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Prospect Heights Educational Campus, located at 883 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225.** For further information about how to access this meeting, visit the PEP website at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy>*

- *NYC Mayoral Control Hearings were Thurs. Jan. 11, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Boys and Girls High 1700 Fulton St. You can still submit written testimony by Jan. 31.*

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<https://www.nysed.gov/new-york-city-mayoral-control-hearings>

New York City Mayoral Control Hearings

*Members of the public may participate (a) by providing oral testimony at one of five public hearings (see [Request to Testify](#)) and/or (b) by submitting written electronic testimony by **January 31, 2024 at 5:00pm** (see [Submit Written Electronic Testimony](#)). Information on the date, time, and location of each public hearing is below. Please be advised that each in-person public hearing will be recorded and broadcast.*

- *Request to Testify*
- *Submit Written Electronic Testimony*
- *60 day notices to Migrant Families expired last Tuesday - Families with children have had to reapply for temporary housing. Read more here: https://www.thecity.nyc/2024/01/08/migrant-families-schools-60-day-shelter-evictions/?oref=csny_firstread_nl*