



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Calendar Meeting

### **President's Report - Nancy Randall**

#### **Welcome back to schools and meet your Liaison**

This is CEC 15's first Calendar meeting of the 2023-24 school year. We have been very busy all summer on-boarding our new members and preparing for the work of supporting our schools in the 2023-24 school year. Welcome back to school.

#### **Introduce Liaisons:**

Every school has a liaison and now we also liaise with the D75 schools in our district. Please reach out to your new school liaison. The list is on the website.

**Could each member introduce themselves and state which schools they represent?**

**Tonight we have a packed agenda.** We have several important speakers ... and two great resolutions.

### **Chancellor's Townhall - Save the date for Mon. Dec. 18**

**State of the Schools-** Tomorrow I will be at Boys and Girls HS where Chancellor Banks will be presenting his State of Schools address.

#### **15% Budget Cuts**

On the first day of school we received conflicting messages from the 2 men in charge of our school system. Our mayor announced 15% budget cuts across all agencies to pay for newly arrived migrants. He went as far as to say that migration will destroy NYC. I don't believe that. NYC has historically experienced far greater numbers of migrants and was never destroyed. In 1907, 1.25 million immigrants came through Ellis Island. 300,000 of them settled in NYC just in that year. For perspective, over the past year, NYC has welcomed 100,000. So we've been here before. Conversely, our Chancellor expressed confidence on the first day of school. Confidence that our schools will do what they always do - meet students where they are and wrap them in any and all available support. And newcomers are always a boon to our school budgets, especially as our school enrollment declined due to declining birthrates and the pandemic.



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I want to highlight a recent statement from the Fiscal Policy Institute that questions the need and wisdom of such extreme cuts. The *city should reconsider across board agency cuts totaling 10B b/c this amount overstates the impact of migrant arrivals.*

<https://fiscalspolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Fiscal-Policy-Institute-Breaking-Down-the-Fiscal-Impact-of-City-Aid-to-Migrants-.pdf>

DOE will suffer greatest cuts of the agencies listed in dollar amts, in spite of being among the agencies that serves migrants directly

### **September 2023 PEG cuts for fiscal year 2024 by agency**

Dollars in billions

Agency

FY24 PEG

Department of Education \$ (2.1)

Department of Social Services \$ (1.4)

Police Department \$ (0.8)

Dept. of Homeless Services \$ (0.4)

Fire Department \$ (0.3)

Dept of Environmental Prot. \$ (0.2)

Health and Hospitals Corp. \$ (0.2)

Department of Sanitation \$ (0.2)

All Other \$ (3.9)

Total \$ (9.6)

**So we asked the Comptroller's Office to be here tonight to discuss School Funding and these cuts.**