



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.

CEC15 Resolution in Support of Better School Bus Services for NYC Students

Passed unanimously by CEC15 on October 14, 2025

This resolution expresses clear support for better school bus services for NYC students and highlights the importance in addressing issues related to school bus worker welfare.

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of Education provides busing service annually for upwards of 150,000 students in both public and non-public schools;

WHEREAS, students who rely on these services are regularly met with bus delays, route confusion, and inconsistent service, causing anxiety for families and loss of learning for students;

WHEREAS, since 1979, over 70% of bus contracts are in their original form and have been extended year after year to protect the inclusion of Employee Protection Provisions (EPPs), which provide job security and benefits to school bus drivers;

WHEREAS, to meet the needs of all students, these contracts need to be rebid to include expansion of services for after school programming, summer rising, and/or weekend programs, and allowing for community collaboration in the redesign of the contracts;

WHEREAS, without State legislative change to allow inclusion of EPPs in the rebid process, a bus strike is inevitable;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S1018, sponsored by Senator Robert Jackson, and Assembly Bill A8440, sponsored by Tony Simone, preserves EPP wages and benefits for school bus workers in cities with populations exceeding one million;

WHEREAS, the bills address the detrimental effects caused by the removal of the Employee Protection Provision (EPP) in 2013, which led to instability in employment, wage reductions, and loss of benefits for school bus workers, directly impacting their livelihoods and the quality of services provided to students;

WHEREAS, S1018/A8440 seeks to prioritize the retention and hiring of experienced school bus drivers, mechanics, and attendants, which will ensure a more stable and reliable transportation system for NYC students;

WHEREAS, the provisions of the bill will help mitigate labor shortages in the school bus industry, a critical issue that relies on efficient and safe transportation for students, particularly in New York City where such services are essential to the education system's function;

WHEREAS, by stabilizing employment and ensuring the hiring of experienced personnel, this Bill will help maintain high safety standards, contributing to the overall well-being of students who depend on school buses for transportation to and from school;

WHEREAS, because the current bus contracts are 45 years old, Emergency Contracts are being proposed and voted on by the Panel for Education Policy in monthly and bi-monthly extensions, which are not sustainable;

WHEREAS, while the State legislature works on implementing S1018/A8440, the Panel should not extend these old contracts beyond August 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NYS Senate and Assembly electeds prioritize student transportation reform and uphold their commitment to educational equity by passing Senate Bill 1018 and Assembly Bill 8440, and the Governor to sign the bill into law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Panel for Education Policy not extend the current busing contracts beyond August 2026, and negotiate the shortest possible extension of outdated school bus contracts, so that the DOE can rebid the bus contracts and work to modernize and improve yellow bus service as soon as possible.

This Resolution was approved at a CEC15 Business Meeting held on October 14, 2025 by a unanimous vote of members present including: Katina Rogers, Elton Dodson, Jonathan Davis, Kenneth Ebie, Kim Wanliss, Angelica Cesario, Cara Zwerling-Moeller, Angelica Jadunandan, Qingxia Zhu.

Of the 9 members present, nine voted YES.