



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

September 6, 2018

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DISTRICT 15 DIVERSITY PLAN

The Community Education Council District 15 (CEC15) held a meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2018. After reviewing all the evidence and facts, CEC15 passed the following resolution:

Community Education Council District 15 supports the recommendations in the [D15 Diversity Plan](#), and urges its implementation by Chancellor Carranza and the NYC Department of Education (DOE) to increase diversity, inclusion, and equity in our district's schools.

Sixty-four years after the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, in which the United States Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools are unconstitutional, and over 50 years since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 made it illegal for the Federal Housing Administration to redline communities of color through discriminatory mortgage lending practices, New York City public schools are still separate and unequal. In 2014, the UCLA Civil Rights project revealed that New York's public schools are the most segregated in the country. Specifically, District 15 was identified as the most racially segregated school district in New York City.

In June 2017, the NYC Department of Education outlined its [Equity and Excellence for All: Diversity in New York City Public Schools](#) initiative to comprehensively tackle the issue of segregation in NYC public schools. It was with this backdrop the DOE solicited WXY, an urban planning and design group, to help bring together a cross-section of community stakeholders to address the issues of segregation in District 15 Middle Schools. With input from the D15 Diversity Plan Working Group, various advisory groups, and the D15 community-at-large, a comprehensive list of final recommendations was released to the public and to the DOE on August 3. These recommendations are based on months of research and community discussions highlighting the root causes and possible solutions to some of the inequities observed in D15 middle schools.

Community Education Council District 15 strongly supports the recommendations issued by the Working Group and WXY. CEC15 believes that all children, irrespective of race, socioeconomic status, religion, immigration status, or disability have a right to a great education in a safe environment. We feel these recommendations will help fulfill those objectives and can also be a model for district-level work across New York City.

We urge ALL D15 community stakeholders to stand with us and urge Chancellor Carranza and the DOE to adopt the recommendations found in the D15 Diversity Plan.

The members of Community Education Council District 15 unanimously voted in favor of this resolution.

There were nine members present: 9 voted Yes, 0 voted No, 0 Abstained

RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY