



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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October Calendar Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President

Welcome to the CEC15 October Calendar Meeting and thank you for taking the time to join us this evening. I am Camille Casaretti, President of CEC15. It's hard to believe we are getting close to the end of our second month of this school year.

November is Family Empowerment Month and the DOE will be hosting trainings, offering resources, and various supports designed so that families and school staff can better partner to support their children. Stay tuned for lots of family events and keep checking the DOE website for more information.

While you're there, you should check out the [School Reopening 2020–21 Family Guide](#) which provides some information on what that **teaching and learning** will look like this school year. You will find universal expectations for how our schools will support every single student every single school day—whether they are participating in fully remote or blended learning.

A few parents have written expressing their concerns with the Chancellor's recent announcement that the opt in period for in person learning will only be offered once this year. We are going to have to learn more about this and why this decision was made. We do know that in person classes are much smaller than people realize. We've heard that it's been incredibly difficult to schedule classes in this way. Some classes have only three children in them, while some remote classes are bursting. We can discuss this later in more detail,

Your PA/PTA and SLT Elections should be happening this month. Running for a position in one of these leadership roles is a great opportunity to get involved at the school planning level.

CEPs, which are the Comprehensive Education Plan for each school, are posted on the iplan portal.

<https://www.iplanportal.com/>

Has your school already held their elections, and if not, is it scheduled? Please let the DOE know by responding to [this brief survey](#).

Some parents have requested that students be able to use virtual backgrounds due to students feeling uncomfortable with the lack of privacy. All of the DOE platforms, Microsoft Teams, Zoom and Google Meets do allow for virtual backgrounds. We will share this information via email with all the links for how to change your background.

Over the weekend, I co-wrote a letter with the ECC that was sent to Gov. Cuomo to ask for an increase in the State Ed Budget. It was copied to various elected State officials from the Education Committee including Mayor DeBlasio and Chancellor Carranza. Please continue to call your elected leaders to insist that more funding be offered to our public schools.



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Some good news: The city is ensuring that all shelters will have internet access.

DEI Series going strong. Last week we discussed Redirection and our ability to change patterns. We had great speakers that really hit home on the struggles that families are facing during remote learning and the habits that children are falling into and how to help make things better. All of the recording links to these workshops can be found on the CECD15.org website.

Next week on Monday Nov 2 at 1pm **DEI Workshop on Cultural Diversity.** Speakers include Principal Jennifer Spalding from MS821 in Sunset Park, and members of the District 15 office.

Later that evening at 5:15 we are hosting a **Family Cooking Workshop** with a favorite after school vendor, Allergic to Salad. We're making: ROASTED VEGETABLE TACOS & BEAN SALSA. You can register on [this link](#) (ingredients and necessary utensils are linked in the form).

Nov 2 is going to be a long day, directly following the cooking workshop the **School Construction Authority** will be scheduling a Joint Public Hearing Meeting with CEC15 and the Community Board to discuss a new property that was purchased recently by the DOE for a school. There will be a brief presentation and then CEC Members and the Public will be able to ask questions. We will also be discussing the Capital Plan and how CEC members can best represent their liaison schools in terms of reporting on building needs.

Mommy and Me Yoga hosted by Ursula Koffer from the D15 office will meet every Wednesday until Winter Break from 2:30-3:00 PM with the link below:

Mommy and Me Yoga

Meeting ID meet.google.com/ike-doso-aoj

Phone Numbers (US) +1 970-400-1388

PIN: 525 822 739#

Citywide Council on High Schools. Wednesday October 28, 2020, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

CCHS October Calendar Meeting

Oct 28, 2020 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84990007586?pwd=eHlvc0tGdDhHVVN0cnpwd1Q4ZGdQZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 9000 7586

Passcode: 306294

Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656

You probably already know that Early Voting in NY Started on Saturday, October 24 and will run through Sunday, November 1st. select sites will offer early voting in advance of the General Election on November 3rd. Voters will continue to have the option to cast an absentee ballot if they choose to do so. All voters are assigned to an Early Voting Poll Site. Visit nyc.pollsitelocator.com to find your site. Please note that the early voting site is not typically the same as the election day site.



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A few disturbing and upsetting things have happened to a people that we know in other Districts:

One of our very respected and active cec leaders had a death in his family due to **gun violence**.

There will be a Press Conference on Thursday October 29th, 2020 at 12:30 PM in Bed Stuy. [Click here](#) to read CEC16's communication.

Along with Maya Wiley, the family will speak out about the neglect of their community, the need for programs and support to help enrich the community, and the importance of measures that can help get guns out of the hands of people who wish to cause harm. These problems are not isolated to one particular community. We are all facing the same issues. Please support our neighbors in District 16. Write to cec16@schools.nyc.gov with questions or to send your condolences.

Two citywide leaders were **impersonated** during a public meeting that was streamed live on youtube. The comments made were very hurtful and damaging. Some viewers knew immediately that it was a hoax and reported it but the impersonators were not found. And in a school in District 13 one child who was new to the school received a call from someone impersonating the Principal and gave the impersonator private information. They were later being harassed by email and sent pornographic images. These kinds of impersonations are actually a misdemeanor, please notify us if you believe a similar situation is taking place.

I would like to Propose in New Business: Resolution on Keeping Children Safe from Cyberbullying

We are living in new and very unusual times, with many challenges. Communication among people has accelerated but actual human contact seems to have decreased significantly and people seem to need a reminder to be kind and compassionate. Fear of the virus, income and food insecurity, housing instability, and personal isolation are increasing. We must do our best to stay strong, reach out to those in need, and continue to support our families. Keep the faith, we are all in this together and here for each other.

Save the Dates for these [Upcoming Meetings](#)

- **CEC15 Diversity Equity and Inclusion - Cultural Diversity:** Mon, Nov 2 - 1 p.m.
- **CEC15 Special Session School Construction Authority:** Mon, Nov 2 - 6:30 p.m.
- **CEC15 Business Meeting:** Tues, Nov 10 - 6:30 p.m.
- **CEC15 Diversity Equity and Inclusion - Appropriate Settings:** Mon, Nov 16 - 1 p.m.
- **CEC15 Calendar Meeting:** Tues, Nov 17 - 6:30 p.m.

Find your CEC15 school liaison [here](#).