



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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### Approved at the March 23 CEC15 Calendar Meeting

#### February Calendar Meeting

#### Joint President's Council Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, Feb 23, 2021 - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

#### AGENDA(as posted)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary
3. Introduction to CEC15
4. Teleconference Protocol
5. **Contracts for Excellence Presentation**
  - a. Public Comment
  - b. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
6. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
7. Open Conversation with the D15 Presidents' Council
  - a. [President's Council Letter](#)
  - b. Public comment
  - c. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
  - d. Vote
8. District 15 Report - Superintendent Skop
  - a. Public Comment
  - b. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
9. Old Business (5 min)
  - a. Ad Hoc Committee Update
10. General Public Comment
11. New Business
  - a. Resolution on [Budget Deficit Amnesty](#)
    - i. Public comment
    - ii. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
    - iii. Vote
  - b. [Draft of Letter to Cuomo on FY 2022 Budget](#)
    - i. Public comment
    - ii. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments

iii. Vote

c. [Call to Action](#)

## 12. Adjournment

### 1. Roll Call: 6:34pm

#### Present:

Councilmember Camille Casaretti (President)  
Councilmember Antonia Ferraro (Co-Vice President 1)  
Councilmember Tia Schellstede (Co-Vice President 2 & BP Appointee)  
Councilmember Bess Abrahams (Secretary)  
Councilmember Kimmerly Scott (Treasurer) -  
Councilmember Claudia Lechuga  
Councilmember Iván Banda -  
Councilmember Mark Bisard (IEP Rep)

#### Special Guest:

Superintendent Skop

#### Absent:

Krystal Cason, Member

### 2. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary (5 min)

[2021 02 09 Business Meeting](#)

#### a. Minutes from [2021 02 09 Business Meeting](#)

*Motion to approve the minutes from [2021 02 09 Business Meeting](#) - Bess Abrahams*

*2nd motion to approve the minutes from [2021 02 09 Business Meeting](#) - Camille Casaretti*

*Minutes from [2021 02 09 Business Meeting](#) Approved unanimously by 8 members present.*

### 3. Introduction to CEC15 - Antonia Ferraro: read aloud

### 4. Teleconference Protocol - Ivan Banda: read aloud

### 5. [Contracts for Excellence Presentation](#): Superintendent Anita Skop.

#### a. Public Comment (no public comments)

- Regarding summer school for Special Education students: No information to share yet.
- Regarding afterschool programs: Will start off quite limited, vary by school, and most likely only serve elementary aged students.
- Regarding High School students return to schools: No information to share yet.

#### b. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments

- Regarding what can parents do at this time to support schools:
  - Develop collaborative discussion with principals;
  - Reach out to elected officials with concerns about how monies are used/not used and other resources (needed or able to provide);

- Consider working with our sister/brother district schools, between PTA's, staff and administration to meet the needs of students district wide.
  - Support programs and families as they adjust
  - Support children in temporary housing
- Regarding the breakdown of restricted and unrestricted funds, specifically why “only 214 million (61% of restricted funds) were released and even less (30%) of unrestricted funds?”: Schools get money not only through C4e allocation, they also get monies from other buckets (see slide #8) for prek and other programs. Further, 61% is discretionary per the needs of schools. Superintendent Skope stated she did not know what percentage of the total budget is allocated to c4e funding
- Regarding the definition of “Time on Task (TOT)”: Refers to different Academic Intervention Services such as pull-out and/or push-in support, before and after school. In a general education or ICT classroom while the teacher is there, an additional person who is not one of the teachers.
- How do families hold to account how a school is spending and allocating monies to vulnerable and traditionally disenfranchised student populations that is in line with stated priorities?: Check within the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) at a school and with the School Leadership Team (SLT) to see what they are prioritizing. This is one way to see if support is being targeted. Look also at ASD Nest programs--how are teachers trained, what is the space/environment like. Notice what kinds of supports are given to these students and why?
- Can actual numbers of class size be shown?: Reduction of class size tends to happen in schools not in good standing, and D15 schools are in good standing.
- Can educators receive hazard pay? Is there money for that?: I agree we want to retain teachers and staff. I will bring back that information.

## 6. [President's Report](#) - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President

### Highlighted event from presidents report (recording will be available):

[CEC15 Health & Wellness Event and Family Chat](#)

Thurs, Feb 25 from 12 - 1pm

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YdPfrhJU7ploomX1kyJOojv\\_\\_3RvNIJw/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YdPfrhJU7ploomX1kyJOojv__3RvNIJw/view?usp=sharing)

## 7. Open Conversation with the D15 Presidents' Council

- Introductions between CEC members and the D15 Presidents Council were made in terms of member's liaison schools.

Justin introduced the council and the work they've been doing.

Letter regarding the list of schools that must return per pupil funds read aloud.

Superintendent Skope noted that due to the pandemic projections are way off and not aligned to historic trends. Some people took their children out of NYC, the greatest declines occurred in schools of affluence.

- [tharagu@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:tharagu@comptroller.nyc.gov) letter from Comptroller Stringer's office  
<https://twitter.com/NYCComptroller/status/1355256172371189762/photo/1>
- [Petition demanding Mayor de Blasio stop the clawback and eliminate student register loss debt](#)
- From Lara Lai's office [Letter asking the Chancellor to provide budget relief to schools](#) that have experienced Covid-related enrollment declines and a deficit issue magnified further by the increased staffing costs incurred by schools as a result of DOE's blended learning plan
- [The Invest in Our New York Campaign](#) is a legislative effort to pass the Invest In Our New York Act: a package of six state bills that raises more than \$50 billion to ensure we can take care of each other and rebuild our economy by ending tax breaks for the richest New Yorkers.
- Taeka Haraguchi, Brooklyn Representative for NYC Comptroller Stringer ([tharagu@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:tharagu@comptroller.nyc.gov)) is working with PS 9's PTO in Prospect Heights on this issue and wrote a letter to the DOE which details a few solutions, including granting amnesty. Letter from Comptroller Stringer: <https://twitter.com/NYCComptroller/status/1355256172371189762>
- [PS9 Petition](#)
- [Presidents' Council Letter](#)
  - e. Public comment
  - f. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
  - g. Vote to support the Presidents' Council Letter

*Motion to support the [Presidents' Council Letter](#) - Antonia Ferraro*

*2nd motion to support the [Presidents' Council Letter](#) - Camille Casaretti*

*Approved unanimously by 8 members present.*

## **8. [District 15 Report](#) - Superintendent Skop**

- c. Public Comment
- d. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments

Regarding Federal government tests. Tests will take place.

Regarding stress and trauma.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/special-situations/crisis-or-traumatic-event>

## **9. Old Business**

- i. Ad Hoc Committee Update - discussed during presidents report
- ii. CEC15 has three open council seats, including an ELL seat

## 10. General Public Comment

- [Nancy Corona \(ncorona@council.nyc.gov\)](mailto:ncorona@council.nyc.gov). Menchaca's office provided [the form](#) for RESO A/Capital Funding for schools using this form

## 11. New Business

### A. *Resolution calling for amnesty for budget deficit*

- i. Vote

*Motion to adopt the [Resolution calling for amnesty for budget deficit](#)- Antonia Ferraro*

*2nd motion to adopt the Resolution calling for amnesty for budget deficit - Camille Casaretti*

***Approved unanimously by 8 members present.***

### e. [Letter to Cuomo on FY 2022 Budget](#)

- i. Public comment
- ii. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
- iii. Vote

*Motion to adopt the [Letter to Cuomo on FY 2022 Budget](#) Antonia Ferraro*

*2nd motion to adopt the [Letter to Cuomo on FY 2022 Budget](#)- Tia Schellstede*

*Approved unanimously by 8 members present.*

- f. [Call to Action](#)--read aloud (will be linked on our web site along with how to locate our elected officials. To draft a letter to the public linking the call to action.

## 12. Adjournment 9:32 p.m.

***Motion to adjourn the meeting - Camille Casaretti, 2nd motion, Ivan Banda***

Minutes respectfully submitted by Saida Barker, CEC15 Administrative Assistant