



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Business Meeting

President's Report - Camille Casaretti

OML expired today and did not get extended. CECs must go back to either meeting in person or offer hybrid meetings. PAs/PTAs and DLTs can continue to meet remotely. SLTs must meet in person or offer hybrid meetings.

Met with DC Blackburn and Cristina Melendez and CCEC Presidents yesterday to discuss how CECs will hold Superintendents accountable.

- Supts serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor and can be let go at any time.
- Community engagement is core to the evaluation
- Piloting a rubric in the Fall and will roll it out in January
- Rubric - 6 domains
 - Vision leadership
 - Culture - capacity building
 - Instructional leadership
 - Family and Comm empowerment - engagement with parents
 - Strategic planning
 - Progress Monitoring

Holistic assessment, district based visits, seeing how Supts are engaging in the work

CEC evaluation will be incorporated with other feedback

CEC final evaluations must be submitted by June 30, 2023

Interim CEC evaluations will be optional - Send by Jan 15 and share with Supt to strengthen next steps

Support for CCECs

- Open and collaborative relationship with FLC. Ours is Christine Farrell and she is great.
- Face will continue to provide support and training to FLCs
- FACE liaisons will not be in person at your meetings, FLCs will support in person
- Will post and provide Prof Developments to CECs

FACE Responsibilities

- Will facilitate the Town Halls with Chancellor



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- Processing reimbursements
- Cybershift approvals
- Plan and execute the citywide council member liaisons and PEP work
- Monitor resolutions and respond (special session to review responses to resolutions)
- We also discussed the PC hiring process. There are 6 PC vacancies in the district now. Your liaison Principal should be reaching out about interviews. 3 vacancies currently in d15, liaison of the school would be involved in hiring process

Letter from DC Kenita Lloyd on the Unionizing of the AAs: the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) recently ruled that the CEC Administrative Assistants should be recognized as part of the DC37 collective bargaining unit that represents comparable administrative and clerical titles. Once the agreement is finalized, the DOE will provide detailed guidance to CECs and CEC Administrative Assistants that outline the terms of the agreement. In addition, the DOE will provide support to CECs in the hiring process and employment relationship.

MAYOR ADAMS, and CHANCELLOR BANKS ANNOUNCED a HISTORIC PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR CAREER READINESS AND MODERN YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

a number of responses are from the vendors participating (Amazon, JP Morgan, Career wise, etc) which is concerning. These "partnerships" with vendors are million \$\$ contracts. We need to be vigilant when reviewing these contracts at the PEP (especially Accenture and Bloomberg Enterprises) One might wonder why this program can't be staffed with DOE employees so we can keep the money and the expertise in our own workforce and schools.

Suggests Tasking members with reviewing PEP contracts

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CPAC Meeting Thursday morning at 9:30 - live streamed on youtube. Chancellor will be speaking about admissions



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City Council Sp Ed Meeting Sept 21 at 1pm. Great opportunity to discuss any issues you are having with Special Education Services.

Freedom to Dream Day October 1st. Fun free event for families. There will be music, art projects and a celebration of the mural that has been recreated on the outside wall of PS295.

Joint meeting with Brooklyn North CECs October 6th with the public advocate, Juumane Williams, to address the terrible conditions in NYCHA residences in Red Hook and other areas in Brooklyn.

Sept 14, tomorrow, The NYC Civic Engagement Commission is holding an in-person launch celebration for this year's citywide participatory budgeting process, called The People's Money. We'll be hearing from our own city council people as well about the Participatory Budget Process.

Brooklyn North HS:

Janice Ross will continue to present at our calendar meetings. Dr. Rushell White is the new Deputy Superintendent for Brooklyn North High Schools, Dr. Tu took a position as a Supt in Queens. Congratulations.

School budgets - attended the "vigil" picket in front of tweed last week with other D15 parents and our 3 city council representatives. City Council voted to have the funds restored to our schools but the Mayor is still pushing back. I requested a slide for the Sept 20 District Report from Supt Alvarez with the list of schools that have placed appeals, the dollar amount requested, and the number of times the appeals were submitted and/or denied. We know that 118 got denied for low enrollment and 58 is having the same issue.

Antonia and I met with Supt Alvarez, DS Lanzilotto and ED Keyes last Friday. We discussed the

- issue of para reconciliations. Paras in D15 are owed \$5.2 million dollars.
- Bussing has been challenging, there are not enough routes due to a shortage of bus drivers
- MS51 is having some building upgrades, the elevator keeps breaking down similar to what's been happening at 447.
- There are temporary custodians at a number of D15 sites which is making it hard to stay on top of everything.



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- We discussed staff changes and retirements at many of our schools, and are excited about the new people coming in.
- The Sunset Par Par Team continues to meet with Maddie Fox. They are in talks with WXY about creating a report on their work.
- Supt Alvarez has met with parent leaders in Sunset Park including Vision Futuro and Voces Ciudadanas. They really want to see tennis and swimming opportunities in our schools.
- He's also working with the elected officials, Shahana Hanif is very focused on translation and interpretation for the Bengali community.
- There's been some movement with safety agents getting transferred. At least one school is unhappy with this as they have had the same agent for 16 years and this agent knows all the students well and is trusted in the community.
- There will be more staff added to the District Office Team, Supt Alvarez will discuss this at our Calendar Meeting on Tuesday night, Sept 20.
- There are some issues with PS118 not offering SpEd services and families wanting to go to PS124 instead. If your child has an IEP, their zoned school must provide support. You do not have to go to another school. If anyone is experiencing this problem at any of our district schools, please reach out.
- D15 is advancing restorative justice work with 5 day professional developments. Many of our schools have Restorative Justice Coordinators. Much of this money came from grants but our schools also have funding for teachers.
- Supt Alvarez said the District Priority is around Rest Justice. The CEP should reflect this. There are 4 goals: ELA, Math, Rest Justice and Increasing enrollment.
- DC Weisberg went to PS15 to visit last week and was very impressed with the work he saw.
- PS24 was the school that received the 3rd grade G&T class. They only have 9 students enrolled. We are waiting to see if that number increases.
- Supt Alvarez said he is committed to the Schoolwide Enrichment Model and Project Based Learning and we are hoping to see more of this at every school in the district.
- The Supt monthly Town Hall will be Sept 21, following the CEC Calendar Meeting on Sept 20 where we will welcome the Office of District Planning who will share data and other important information about D15 schools.