



**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

August 29, 2023

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING THE NAME OF MS 447
TO REFLECT THE SCHOOL'S VALUES MORE ACCURATELY**

The District 15 Community Education Council (CEC15) held a meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. After reviewing all the evidence and facts, CEC15 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth below, CEC15 hereby resolves to support the renaming of MS 447 to reflect the school's values more accurately;

WHEREAS, the members of CEC15 present at this meeting consisted of Nancy Randall, Antonia Ferraro Martinelli, Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka, Nancy Cruz, Hans Arrieta, Jonathan Davis, Mamun Rashid, Donalda Chumney, Yun Li and Danley Vidal;

WHEREAS, 15K447 (MS 447 The Math and Science Exploratory School) is a middle school located in Community School District 15;

WHEREAS, all proposals for the naming of existing schools were submitted to Principal Arin Rusch of MS 447;

WHEREAS, the principal and PTA membership of MS 447 voted to approve the name recommended by the community - MS 447 The Exploratory School;

WHEREAS, the principal, educators, and families of MS 447 have voted to rename their school to better reflect the school's values;

WHEREAS, MS 447 is currently named The Math and Science Exploratory School, a name that was intended to represent a curricular focus on math and science;

WHEREAS, MS 447's curriculum has evolved and expanded to be multi-disciplinary and inquiry based, focusing on thoughtful exploration across all subjects. The name Math and Science Exploratory School is limiting and misaligned with the school's values and goals;

WHEREAS, a public notice of name change has been published on the MS 447 website;

WHEREAS, Principal Rusch of MS 447 has forwarded the proposed name change to District 15 Superintendent Rafael Alvarez; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires the Community Education Council (CEC) for the local Community School District to approve schools' requests to change their names.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the **District 15 Community Education Council (CEC15)** approves the request for **MS 447 The Math and Science Exploratory School** to change its name to **MS 447 The Exploratory School**.

This Resolution was approved at a CEC15 Calendar Meeting held on _____ by a vote of members present including: _____