



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

October 27, 2020

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE METAL DETECTOR **FROM JOHN JAY EDUCATIONAL CAMPUS**

The District 15 Community Education Council (CEC15) held a meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. 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 request of Park Slope Collegiate to remove the metal detector from John Jay Educational Campus;

WHEREAS, the members of CEC15 present at this meeting consisted of Camille Casaretti, Antonia Ferraro Martinelli, Tia Schellstede, Bess Abrahams, Kimmerly Scott, Cateai Rembert, Jaime Ivan Banda, Mark Bisard, and Claudia Lechuga;

WHEREAS, Park Slope Collegiate has been trying to remove the metal detector in the John Jay Educational Campus since 2004;

WHEREAS, metal detectors are almost exclusively located in schools with majority black and latin students;

WHEREAS, the presence of metal detectors reinforces racist school-to-prison-pipeline culture;

WHEREAS, metal detectors make children feel like criminals and teach students to fear each other;

WHEREAS, at least two studies have found that metal detectors have no impact on increasing security in schools¹; and

¹ Schwartz et al. (2016). The role of technology in improving K–12 school safety, at p. 15 (citing Hankin, Hertz, and Simon 2011 study), <https://www.edweek.org/media/hankin-02security.pdf> and <https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2020/9/23/21453483/covid-metal-detectors-nyc-schools>

WHEREAS, the metal detector has now produced urgent unsafe COVID conditions by creating a bottleneck that crowds students waiting to go through.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CEC15 supports Collegiate's demand that the DOE remove the metal detector from the John Jay Educational Campus.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

CC:

New York City Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza

New York City Schools Deputy Chancellor of School Planning and Design Karin Goldmark

Acting Deputy Chancellor of Community Empowerment, Partnerships, and Communications Adrienne Austin

New York State State Senator Jabari Brisport

New York State State Assembly Member Robert Carroll

New York City Council Member Brad Lander

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